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Column One
BY
David Courtney

THE workers, the farmers, and Mr. Ben-Gurion at Sde Boker, have put their little slips in the ballot boxes. Whatever the results, Democracy has had another of its triumphs, to the discomfiture of some democrats. That is the worst of freedom. It so often lets the other fellow get in the lead.

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AND the millions of words that have been spoken lie on the ground, done with, like the fallen leaves of trees; to be ploughed in, I suppose, to make the political consciousness of the workers more fruitful. Some good must come of all this talk. It would be silly, for example, for 80,000 people to squeeze themselves into the Haifa stadium and listen to Mr. Ben-Gurion unless they went away the better for it.

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MR. Sharett said many useful things, worth remembering. He often does. He is not an orator or what is commonly called a "rabbis-rouser;" and therefore to hold an audience he has to talk sense. He said that seven years ago any responsible foreign expert, asked to say how Israel could take in 700,000 immigrants in a matter of a year or two would have replied: "Either by a political dictatorship capable of enforcing policies contrary to the public will, or by reducing the old standard of living to the hardship level, which again is possible only by dictatorship and the suppression of the common freedoms."

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I SUPPOSE that is true. Certainly the expert would not have expected the 700,000 to come in be housed in a fashion, found work of a kind, given a living wage, within a system of government that remained democratic and stable and a system of economy which, after brief austerity, became almost dangerously free. How much all this is good government, good Histadrut and good American, can be worked out by those who have the time. For my part I think much of it was good luck, which usually comes to those who have the courage to venture.

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NO matter, the elections are over; the words lie on the ground: why pick them up unseasonably and pin them to the trees that have shed them? Besides, in a very little while the trees will have to blossom all over again for the national elections. Democracy is, and must be I suppose, repetitive. Everything will have to be said again and said as if it were quite new; and the tens of thousands in stadiums and that kind of place will be there to cheer frenziedly at the same phrases, as if they had never heard them before.

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IT seems simple enough. It makes you wonder why it is so difficult to teach democracy to, for example, the Vietnamese. Perhaps the Vietnamese are not repetitive enough, and therefore do not memorize the dozen or so essential slogans, so that a Vietnamese government, when it gets itself elected, will still be able to do exactly what it likes because none of the electors will remember why he voted for it.

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LOOKING back over the Histadrut campaign, the observer will note one peculiarity: the negativeness of every party except Mapai. That seems to have been a mistake. The great thing about democracy is that you do not have to express mere disapproval, or approval, of the party in power, as you have to do, in theory at any rate, in Russia. Instead you can put up an alternative plan of government. In the Histadrut elections Mapai came out boldly with what it planned to do: settlement here, there and everywhere; more productivity; increasing immigration etc. The other parties seemed content to say why Mapai was no good, and had hardly a word to say on why they themselves would be so much better. Would they be?

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WELL, it is over now. The worker is back at his work, Eshel Hanah at its contracts, Mapai and Magam at their routine disunion and the land at its growth. It is wonderful how the growth goes on, year by year, in spite of it all.

Jerusalem, May 8.

West Inviting Russia To Sign Austria Pact

PARIS, Sunday. — The Western Big Three Foreign Ministers today agreed to propose to their Soviet counterpart, Mr. V M. Molotov, that they should meet in Vienna to sign an Austrian state treaty by the end of this week, usually well-informed sources said.

The decision was taken at a two-hour conference in the Foreign Ministry here.

(Diplomatic quarters in Vienna said the state treaty should be ready for signature by the four Foreign Ministers by the end of next week-end. The talks in the Austrian capital between the Big Four Ambassadors and Foreign Minister Leopold Figl were adjourned on Friday and are to resume tomorrow. Reports from Vienna said behind-the-scene diplomatic activity yesterday and today was believed to have cleared some of the obstacles that arose at the talks.

(Mr. Figl has predicted flatly that final agreement will be reached tomorrow and that this, the last session, will be a short one).

Meanwhile, the Western Allies began writing their invitation to Moscow today for a broader Big Four conference, but the U.S. and Britain split over whether Foreign Ministers or Heads of State should attend.

But Britain may be forced back down in her demand for an early top-level meeting, informed conference sources said.

A 3½-hour meeting of the Western Foreign Ministers and, later, the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, at the French Foreign Ministry, failed to complete work on the invitation.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, told reporters after a two-hour meeting that there had been harmony of views and "uniformity with certain shades of difference." He added that certain decisions taken at the meeting could not be published until other NATO powers had been consulted. The West German Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, told reporters that the Ministers had agreed on a four-power conference, but had not yet decided at what level it should be held. He said details of the date and venue of the proposed conference had also still to be decided and the Foreign Ministers would meet again before Thursday to discuss the questions.

(Reuter, UP)

Soviet Leaders Hail Allied Role in War

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter). — Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Premier and Marshal Ivan Koniev, famous World War Two military leader, today praised Allied cooperation and the joint war effort which led to the surrender of Germany 10 years ago.

Speaking to a big meeting in the Bolshoi Theatre here which was attended by Western diplomats and service attaches, the Premier recalled Russia's fight "together with her Allies, Britain, France and the United States."

Like Marshal Koniev, who spoke next, Marshal Bulganin had a special word for Yugoslavia's role in the general victory.

Marshal Koniev said all Russia's Allies did not do all they could during the war, since the second front was opened in Europe only in 1944. But despite this, "soldiers and officers of the U.S. Britain and France" fought together "valiantly" with the Soviet Union, he said.

Defence Minister Marshal Georgi Zhukov, who has been described by President Eisenhower as "my wartime friend," today recalled the "ties of military friendship of the Soviet army with the armies of the U.S. and Britain" during the war.

The Marshal, who is in East Germany as a member of the Soviet delegation for the celebration of the 10th. anniversary of the defeat of Germany, was writing in "Pravda," the Communist Party newspaper.

Tenth V-E Day Marked in Europe

Wide-spread celebrations marked the 10th anniversary of V-E Day both in Western and Eastern Europe yesterday.

In Paris the celebrations were combined with those in honour of Joan of Arc, and national resistance groups laid wreaths before an equestrian statue of the French heroine.

Britain remembered V-Day in Europe 10 years ago with quiet prayers in churches and homes.

In sovereign Germany, about to become a member of the Western alliance, the anniversary passed by almost unnoticed.

The anniversary in New York was observed by the United Jewish Appeal with an accounting of its activities over the past decade, that showed it had made possible a world-wide rehabilitation and resettlement of 1,500,000 victims of war and oppression.

In Berlin, Defence Minister Marshal Zhukov led a Soviet delegation at a memorial laying of wreaths at the huge Russian war memorial, and asserted that the Russian people wanted good neighbourly relations with the West Germans.

Warsaw Radio reported that Polish soldiers in new ceremonial uniforms were cheered enthusiastically in a big parade. The celebrations in Prague were marked by statements of leading officials that the anniversary was being held on the eve of the Eastern Europe bloc's Warsaw conference.

(Reuter, INA)

Cyprus Churches Must Pay Income Tax

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Sunday. — The income tax authorities have served assessment notices to four of the biggest Greek churches in the island, which between them own property worth several million pounds.

They have been requested to submit their income tax returns within 21 days. This is the first time since taxation was introduced in Cyprus 15 years ago that the Greek churches are being assessed.

The Archbishopric, seat of Archbishop Makarios, leader of the enosis campaign, is among the assessees.

FURTHER POSTPONEMENT FOR SALK VACCINE

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter).—The Government today recommended further postponement of the Salk polio vaccination programme for the present.

Hopes 'Good' for Austrian Restitution Agreement

VIENNA, Sunday (UP). — A Government spokesman said today that there is hope of reaching an agreement with Jewish world organizations "as soon as possible" on claims against Austria.

The Government and representatives of the Joint Executive Board of the Jewish claims will meet tomorrow to resume negotiations suspended last autumn.

Claims to be discussed will include: recognition of the principle of non-discrimination by the Austrian legislature; Austrian emigrants of Jewish origin should be given the same indemnification rights as those Jewish Nazi victims still living in Austria; individual compensation for economic losses not covered under the present restitution laws; adequate compensation for destroyed synagogues; and compensation for heirless and unclaimed property.

UN Body Discussing Austria Refugee Issue

GENEVA, Sunday (INA). — Information concerning the treatment of refugees in Austria after the signing of the state treaty will be requested of the Austrian delegates to the U.N. Refugee Emergency Fund Committee meeting here this week.

The request for details was submitted to the Executive Committee by the Standing Conference of Voluntary Agencies, a group of 35 non-governmental agencies aiding the refugees in an effort to determine the position of the large number of refugees and D.P.'s living in Austria once the country's sovereignty is regained.

Assurances are sought from the Austrian Government for the welfare of the refugees.

Yugoslavia Signs Trade Pact with Turkey

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). —An agreement was signed today by Vice-President Svetozar Vukmanovic and the Turkish Vice-President, Mr. Fatin Rustu Zorlu, whereby Yugoslavia will buy one-fifth of Turkey's wheat exports for the next five years.

Under the agreement the amount exported to Yugoslavia must be at least 100,000 tons a year but need not be more than 200,000 tons. Turkey also undertook to sell Yugoslavia at least 4,000 tons of cotton yearly for five years. Under another agreement signed today, the two countries guaranteed each other an interest-free credit swing of $6m. in their trading for five years.

EL AL CONCLUDES BRITISH AIRCRAFT DEAL

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — El Al's negotiations for the purchase of three Bristol Britannia aircraft have now been concluded, and the agreement will be signed within a few days, Mr. A. Pincus, Managing Director of El Al, said here today on his return from London.

The aircraft will be supplied at the beginning of 1957. Each will cost £6m.

The old and new yishuv cast their ballots yesterday in the Histadrut elections. At right, President Ben-Zvi drops his vote into the ballot box at the station set up next door to Beit Hanassi in Beit Hahalutzot. Shown below are new immigrants voting in the Talpiot ma'abara in Jerusalem.

Photos by Hirshbein

400,000 Cast Ballots For New Histadrut Delegates

Mapai Gains in Early Count

Reliable results of voting in the towns were not expected until 4 o'clock this morning. But at 1.30 a.m. one station in Tel Aviv, in Rehov Rashi, published its figures: Mapai, 225; Ahdut Ha'avoda 21; Mapam, 23; Progressives, 26; General Zionists, 31; Orthodox, 6 and Communists, 24.

In Jerusalem, the count was delayed by left-wing members of the Election Committee, who levelled charges — as yet totally unsubstantiated — that Mapai had used "pressure" during the voting. The Mapai delegates claimed that the minority parties were "preparing alibis in the face of their impending defeat."

Results from some of the settlements (in %) are given below:

	Mapai	Ahdut Ha'avoda	Mapam	Civil Rights	Orthodox	General Zionists	Communists
Givat Ha'd	86.78	3.1	3.1				
Yad Hanna							91
Ramatayim	85	1	7	1	1	6	1
Mishmar Hanegev		100					
Ta'ashur	65	10	6	3	10		
Shavei			100				
Ha'ameq	96		1		3		
Beit Kama			100				
Urim	90	6	5				2
Shavei Zion	66	3	5	67	3	3	
Nahla	70	1	5			22	
Sdeh Boker	41	47	12				
Kibbutz Nezer	1	77	22				
Nevatim (Cochins)	90		1				
Kfar Glickson	6	1	5	90			
Kiryat Shmonah	71	7	12	1			1.5
Results in absolute figures:							
Beersheba (Setzlers)	1,780	371	627	36	36	67	70
Kfar Vitkin	125	120	6				
Givat Haim	200	1				2	
Mishmar Hasharon	102	3					
Hagoa			100			1	

Ahdut Ha'avoda Gains Over Mapam

Jerusalem Post Staff

At 1,800 polling stations in 600 towns, villages and ma'abarot throughout the country, nearly 400,000 of the Histadrut's half-million members went to the polls yesterday to elect delegates to the Histadrut Conference, the Agricultural Council, local labour councils and the Conference of the Working Women's Council.

There was a clear indication from the early results, mainly from the smaller settlements, that Ahdut Ha'Avoda had scored over its late partners, Mapam.

Mapai held an easy first place in the overall results.

"Ben - Gurion's settlement," Sde Boker, gave Ahdut Ha'Avoda a slight lead over Mapai, with Mapam a poor third. In Dr. Sneh's kibbutz, Yad Hanna, 82 per cent voted Communist. The remainder abstained.

About 300,000 of the electorate are new to the Histadrut since the last elections, in February, 1949, and many thousands of them had never previously voted in democratic elections.

The Chairman of the Election Committee, Mr. Sigmund Hering, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the high participation in new immigrant areas had been foreseen because of the huge crowds which had attended the many rallies organized by all parties during the past few weeks.

He said that Histadrut members seemed to realise the close connection between these elections and those to the Knesset, and they were treating them with due seriousness.

Workers, particularly in the smaller towns, voted early. By 6 o'clock half of the 20,000 Petah Tikva voters had registered their preference in the town's 400 stations. Two of these were mobile for use in hospitals.

At the head office of the Bank Leumi, local Histadrut organisers asked the workers to go en bloc to the polling booth shortly before one o'clock. The management had agreed to release Histadrut members one hour before work was normally due to finish for the day. The Bank management has protested that this work stoppage is contrary to the Labour Law and states that it intends to take suitable action.

Fifty-six relief polling stations had to be set up in Tel Aviv owing to the extreme congestion at the 186 planned stations. All through the day crowds, including housewives, besieged the harassed polling committees and at some places voters had to wait nearly an hour.

The busiest election spot in Tel Aviv was Beit Brenner, the election committees' nerve centre. An incessant stream of officials, mostly volunteers, passed to and fro bringing new tidings to the Central Election Committee.

Outside the building a fleet of taxis waited to take away reserve ballot boxes and polling committees to the hard-pressed districts and the last one did not

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MAC Adjourns On Gilboa Incident

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission met in emergency session yesterday morning at Israel's request to discuss last Saturday's Mt. Gilboa incident. The meeting adjourned until this morning to enable the Observers to complete their report.

It was understood that until last night Jordan had not submitted a complaint on the incident.

The MAC met for its regular session yesterday afternoon and was attended by senior delegates only and Col. Charles Brewster to discuss the question of the illegal cultivation of land inside Israel which frequently leads to clashes and which caused the Mt. Gilboa incident.

According to yesterday's "A-Diffa," eight Jews were killed in the "battle" of Fukuah, on Mt. Gilboa. Four of them were killed inside Jordan and their bodies handed over to the Israel authorities at Jalama on the same afternoon and four more bodies were "dragged back by the Jews into their own territory."

"K" FOR "KONSERVATIVE"

The self-satisfaction of a British immigrant at voting for the first time in Israel changed to chagrin soon after he left the polling station.

He had imagined that by selecting the letter *Koof* he had voted "Konservative" and was distressed to find that it was "Kommunist" instead.

Egypt, Syria, Saudi Ready to Sign Pact

DAMASCUS, Sunday (Reuter). — Brigadier Mahmoud Riadh, Egyptian Ambassador here, will meet Foreign Minister Kaled el Asem tomorrow to reach agreement on the final provisions of the defence pact between their two countries and Saudi Arabia.

The Egyptian envoy said that the place and date for signing the pact were to be fixed tomorrow and he expected the signing to take place within the next few days.

The Iraqi envoy, Nagib al Rawi, today called on Deputy Foreign Minister Mahmoud Khairat Said.

The Ambassador told reporters afterwards that he had discussed "current affairs."

President Taking 12-Day Cruise

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi are leaving today for a 12-day Mediterranean cruise aboard the s.s. Negbah. The President will not disembark at any of the ship's ports of call and will undertake no official duties as his cruise is purely for rest.

A guard of honour will escort Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi aboard the ship which will fly the presidential flag.

Knesset Reconvenes Today: Cabinet Proposes Priorities

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset will reconvene this afternoon after a five-week recess. The final session of the Second Knesset is expected to last only six or seven weeks as general elections are to be held on July 26.

Today the Knesset will hear a Communist motion of non-confidence based on the Independence Day speech of the Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion.

The Cabinet yesterday decided which bills it will request the Knesset Presidium to give priority in order to ensure their passage during this session.

There was a brief discussion in the Cabinet of proposals for the method of electing the Mayor of Jerusalem. A decision on this question is expected next week.

A special Cabinet session is to be held today to consider the salary demands of civil servants.

Among the high priority bills are amendments to a number of fiscal laws, including the customs and excise law, the agricultural property tax ordinance, the municipal property tax ordinance and the compulsory loan law.

The non-financial bills include those on the civil service, courts martial, tenants' protection (part two), judges, water drilling, the regular forces, and the council for higher education, and an amendment to the Knesset election law raising from one to two per cent the minimum a party must poll in order to win Knesset representation.

It has not yet been decided whether to reduce the number of Knesset meetings during the next few weeks in order to give the committees more time to act on bills.

Severe punishment and speedy trials for serious traffic offences are provided for in a draft amendment to the Traffic Ordinance approved by the Cabinet yesterday.

Another draft bill approved has as its purpose the protection of municipal coats of arms from commercial exploitation.

The Cabinet also ratified a draft law on a Council for Higher Education and Research.

The Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics has sent telegrams of protest to Cabinet members expressing anxiety at the news that the Government is to table the bill establishing a Council for Higher Education and Science "before the public and interested institutions have had the opportunity of studying it."

The official communique stated:

The Cabinet at its weekly session yesterday:—

Discussed the proposed order of priority of the legislative work of the Knesset;

Approved draft laws on the council for higher education and research; amending criminal law procedure (investigating magistrates); amending the traffic ordinance; and on local authorities (coats of arms);

Ratified Israel's adherence to a convention concerning the establishment of an international office for the treatment of the contagious diseases of animals.

Last Rebels In Saigon Surrender

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — The rebel Binh Xuyen garrison which occupied the central police headquarters in the European quarter of Saigon throughout the recent fighting, today surrendered to the Vietnam national army, the French news agency reported today.

The headquarters was the principal rebel outpost in the European section. Most of the rebel troops were driven from the city last week.

Meanwhile, intensive efforts were being made here in the tripartite Western Foreign Ministers talks on the tangled Saigon crisis, indicating that the rift between France and the U.S. remains as wide as ever.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles reportedly has told Britain and France that his Government is prepared to recognize a republican South Vietnam, if it is convinced that this represents the will of the people. Mr. Dulles said that the U.S. would continue to support Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, because he remains a staunch nationalist and anti-Communist.

Mr. Dulles tonight met with Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay to take up the matter again.

The French contest Mr. Dulles' contention that Premier Diem has substantial support, and say he is now dependent on the revolutionary junta which, they claim, is largely infiltrated with pro-Communists. They say they are satisfied that the Premier is being used by the Communists under cover of the local extremists in Saigon.

9 CLASHES IN WEEK

A total of nine clashes between security forces and armed infiltrators occurred during the week ending last Wednesday. During the same period, the border was crossed 21 times for harassing purposes.

Pakistan Police Kill 12 Indian Soldiers

NEW DELHI, Sunday (Reuter). — The Defence Ministry reported today that Pakistani police had opened fire on a party of Indian army men at Nakowal, a border village in Jammu, Kashmir, killing 12. The announcement said the Pakistanis suffered an unknown number of casualties in an 8-hour exchange of fire on Saturday.

The Indian troops, the announcement said, were guarding men working on tractors in the village when they were attacked. A vehicle belonging to a U.N. observer was also said to have been fired on by the Pakistanis when it arrived on the spot.

Informed sources said India will send a protest to Pakistan and a copy will be lodged with the U.N.

A meeting of commanders of both sides is being arranged under the auspices of the U.N. armistice team to discuss the incident. A "Times of India" despatch from its correspondent in Jammu said the trouble arose out of a dispute over a piece of land where the Indian tractor group was ploughing.

(Reuter, UP)

Afghanistan May Turn to USSR

KARACHI, Sunday (Reuter). — Afghanistan will turn to Russia for supplies and a sea outlet if Pakistan applies economic sanctions against her in the dispute over frontier tribesmen, the Afghan Minister said here yesterday.

It was officially stated here on Thursday that Pakistan would sever diplomatic relations with Afghanistan, close the border, and impose economic sanctions, if restitution was not made for attacks on her diplomatic offices in Afghanistan by May 10. Ninety per cent of Afghanistan's trade with the West is through Pakistan.

Italy Entering Period of Crisis

ROME, Sunday (Reuter).—Italy enters a period of crisis this week, with Premier Mario Scelba's three-party coalition Government on the brink of collapse, and political confusion just around the corner.

On Thursday, the Premier must present the resignation of his Cabinet, as a matter of constitutional formality, to the new President of the Republic, Mr. Giovanni Gronchi, who will be sworn in the previous day.

Normally the new President would ask the Premier to carry on, but some Social Democrat and Liberal leaders were demanding today that the resignation be accepted. With internal wrangling rising in intensity, the slow disintegration of the strongly pro-Western democratic centre coalition appears to be a matter of days.

Mr. Scelba is the only man on the scene with a definite political programme, since, for the revolutionary programmes of the Left and Right, but he is receiving little backing from his own Christian Democrat Party and none from the other two members of the coalition, the Social Democrats and the Liberals.

It is believed the Premier hopes to stave off the collapse for a few more weeks or months by gaining the friendship of a big rebel group in his own party with an offer of Cabinet seats. But if he fails in this, the only alternative government apparently feasible seems to be a majority Cabinet of Christian Democrats dependent on support from the left-wing Socialists as well as from the rightly right-wing Monarchists.

Such a Cabinet, precarious and lacking in drive, would give all the parties a breathing space to sort themselves out.

The major parties seem reluctant to face the risks of new elections yet.

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Social & Personal

The President yesterday received General and Mrs. Morris C. Tropp and Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Haft.

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The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett yesterday entertained to lunch General and Mrs. Morris C. Tropp, Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Glasser, Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Haft, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Horowitz, Professor and Mrs. Hans Rademacher, Mrs. T. Kollek and Mr. Meir de Shalit.

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The Minister of Posts and Mrs. Burg gave a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wouk at their home in Jerusalem on Saturday night. Among the guests were Mr. S. Y. Agnon, Dr. Ernst Nebenzahl, Prof. Benjamin Mazar, Prof. Ernst Simon, Prof. Leo Kohn, and Mr. Gershon Agron.

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Mr. R. Gottlieb, Managing Director of PICA in Paris, and Mrs. Gottlieb were luncheon hosts to Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, Lord Nathan of Churt, the PICA General Manager in Israel and Mrs. Rowe, at the Megiddo Hotel, Haifa, yesterday. The party then visited Ramat Hanadiv.

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Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Kol were hosts at a reception at Beit Shalom, Jerusalem, last night, on behalf of Youth Aliya, to Mrs. S. Gotlieb, President of the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Delegation. Mrs. Rachel Ben-Zvi welcomed the guest of honour.

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The Hadassah Council in Israel and the Hadassah Tourist Clubs on Sunday entertained members of the WIZO delegation from Great Britain and Ireland, at a reception in the Alice Seligsberg Vocational High School, Jerusalem.

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Mr. William Maser and Mr. J. Seiler, of New York, visited the Jewish Agency on Friday and were received by Mr. Eisenberg, Secretary General.

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Dr. Zvi Adar, Instructor in Education at the Hebrew University, has been promoted to Lecturer.

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Dr. Zvi Lerner, Chairman of Irgun Olei Brazil, and Mrs. Lerner, entertained members of the Athletien-Rio, the visiting Brazilian football team, at their home on Friday. Among those present were the Brazilian Minister and Mrs. Nelson Tabajara de Oliveira; the Second Secretary to the Legation and Mrs. L. A. Tarjano da Fontoura, and members of Olei Brazil.

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The Women's Delegation of the State of Israel Bonds visited the Hebrew University yesterday morning. On Friday evening they were received to tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kurt Grunwald, Chairman of the Hadassah Club for Overseas Visitors.

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The Migdal Ashkelon Rotary Club is to meet in the museum at 6.30 p.m. today to hear Mr. Colin Gluckman, the State Attorney, speak on "The Citizen and the Law."

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ARRIVALS: The Canadian Ambassador, Mr. Terence McDermott, from Athens (by TWA); Mr. A. Sheinwold, Treasurer of the Keren Hayesod in England, for a short visit (by El Al); Rabbi Aaron Decter, of New York and Atlantic City, editorial director of "Israel Speaks," for a 10-day visit; 27 members of Hadassah from the U.S., for a two-week visit (by LAI).

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DEPARTURES: Mr. M. Neudorfer, Tax Assessor for the Tel Aviv District, for advanced study in the U.S.; Mr. R. Baruch, Head of the Export Section of the Treasury, and Dr. J. Weisberg, of the Citrus Marketing Board, for Belgrade, to negotiate for citrus crates (by TWA); the U.S. Military Attache, Lt. Col. M. Kane, for the U.S. on the conclusion of his tour of duty; Mr. D. Pels, of the London "Jewish Chronicle," for Vienna, after a month's stay (by El Al).

BAR MITZVA

Hemda and Harry Zinder invite friends and relatives to participate in the celebration of the Bar Mitzva of their son, David Gal, on Saturday, May 14, 1955, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. A. Feigenbaum, 15 Rehov Hahabashim, Jerusalem, 5—8 p.m.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Pugatsch-Pollack

The marriage will take place between Mr. Eliezer Pugatsch, of Tel Aviv, and Miriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pollack of Tel Aviv, on Tuesday, May 10, 1955, at 5 p.m. at Pollack House, Herzlia Bet.

GERO GEYRA

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — There was a large gathering of mourners at the funeral here yesterday of Gero Geyra, the oldest police officer in the country and the first Director of Prison Services.

Among the mourners were the Minister of Police, Mr. B. Shitreet, high police and legal personalities, and many friends.

In a graveside eulogy, Mr. Shitreet recalled his association with Mr. Geyra in the police service for 27 years.

Mr. Geyra was 60.

MAKR VILLAGE ROAD

Construction has begun on a road in Makr, an Arab village east of Acre. It is financed jointly by the Ministry of Labour and local residents.

The three-kilometre road will supply 4,000 work days, mostly for nearby villagers.

The approach roads to the Arab Galilee villages of Julis and Deir Jann, the latter one of the highest in country, are nearing completion.

Rift Reported In Balkan Alliance

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). — Premier Adnan Menderes yesterday conferred with Yugoslav leaders on world problems and the Balkan alliance. The Turkish leader is here on a five-day official visit.

A government spokesman pointed out today that the Balkan alliance had yielded important results, but he refused to answer when asked about reported divergencies between Yugoslavia and Turkey.

Observers took this as an indication that the talks now going on confirm the existence of such differences. These were stated to be Turkish emphasis on the military side of the Balkan alliance in contrast to Yugoslavia's stress on economic and cultural cooperation, and Yugoslav disapproval of Turkish defence pacts with Persia and Iraq, as well as Turkey's strong anti-Communist line at the Bandung conference.

U.S. War Veterans For Soviet Parade

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — Nine American ex-servicemen left by air for Moscow on Thursday to take part in celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany.

Lack of funds had held up the group, but a television company came to their rescue by providing tickets for the flight to Paris, where they will board a Soviet airliner.

Members of the American Veterans of the Elbe Meeting had originally invited Soviet veterans to a U.S. reunion. The Russians declined and issued their invitation instead.

JORDAN MINISTER TO TOUR TURKEY

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Defence and Education Minister Anwar Nusseibeh yesterday accepted an invitation from Defence Minister Ethem Menderes of Turkey to visit Turkish Army installations for four weeks on May 26. The Minister will be accompanied by four high-ranking Arab Legion officers.

IRAQ WARNS JAPAN JEWS TO RETURN

TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — The English-language "Nippon Times" yesterday published a paid notice advising all Iraqi Jews living in Japan to return to Iraq within two months or lose their nationality and property.

The unsigned notice said that for further information they should apply to the Iraqi Embassy in London.

MOBILE AID FOR NAZARETH CRIPPLES

HAIFA, Sunday. — A mobile medical team of the Society for Crippled Children made its second visit to Nazareth last week to treat 25 children of the town and district in need of operations, appliances or physiotherapy.

The Society, which is expanding its activities, will now visit Nazareth every month to enable children from neighbouring villages and the town to get regular expert treatment. The Welfare Ministry supports the Society's work.

W.J.C. Annual Yiddish Literary Prizes

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — The World Jewish Congress will grant annual prizes for the best books published in Yiddish.

The prizes will be for prose, verse or dramatic dialogue. Essays on philosophical and cultural subjects are also eligible, the Congress announced.

Each year, the academy will award a first prize of 100,000 francs for the best work in Yiddish and a second prize of 50,000 francs. The first annual prize will be awarded on December 14, 1955. Manuscripts must be sent in before August 3, the Congress said.

These six stamps, paying tribute to Youth Aliya projects, will appear tomorrow. Lag Baomer. They will be obtainable at all Post Offices and at the Philatelic Service in Tel Aviv. The stamps were designed by Miss Miriam Karoly, of Haifa.

Competition Again On Mt. Carmel

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — Competition among the five Central Carmel groceries, stifled by a cartel agreement over two months ago, is resuming.

The agreement was signed to prevent the "Three Blackies" grocery from selling its goods at reduced prices. Under it, the five grocers were to have met every Sunday to fix the weekly price list. However, the proprietor of the "Three Blackies" now claims that the other stores who had pressed for the agreement, had themselves not honoured it. They had met for three weeks, agreeing only to raise prices or keep them steady but never to lower them although some wholesale prices for imported foodstuffs had fallen.

For the past six weeks they had not turned up for the meetings at all, he said. The General Merchants Association, which had sponsored the agreement, had been "unable to help."

Since several items had meanwhile become cheaper, by up to 20 per cent, the proprietor of the "Three Blackies" had decided not to withhold these benefits from his customers any longer, and would advertise the price cuts and mark the prices in the shop's window. The agreement had forbidden this as the Association felt that the display of price tags "invariably leads to price-cutting competition" which they discourage.

In the future, he would no longer honour the agreement, and did not think that he would be forced to pay the IL280 bond which he had posted with the Association, as the terms of the agreement had not been kept and the Association had done nothing to enforce it.

DISTANT VILLAGES TO GET MILK POWDER

The Ministry of Health is to supply milk powder for children in outlying settlements, it was learned from the Ministry recently.

The move was taken following a report by the Ministry's Mother and Child Department that babies in these areas, particularly in immigrant settlements, were not getting sufficient supplies of milk, their chief source of nourishment.

The powder will be sent directly to the individual settlements on the recommendation of the Department which is now preparing detailed lists of children requiring this aid.

MONTREAL WILL SEE ISRAEL GOODS

A special exhibition of Israel goods will be held in Montreal for a week starting June 1, in accordance with arrangements made by Mr. N. Raviv, the Israel Commercial Attache there, *The Jerusalem Post* learns. The Israel exhibits at the New York Import Show (May 15-May 20) will be transferred to Montreal and will be shown together with the products of 50 local firms and any additional undertakings interested in joining the exhibition.

Baby-Sitters Provided

Need a baby-sitter?

The Medical Students Association of the Hebrew University opened a "Baby-Sitting Department" yesterday. So far, 24 first year students, eight of them girls, have offered their services, for which they charge prevailing rates.

Prospective employers should call 4360 between 3 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. and leave their name, detailed address and length of "sitting."

Public Warned Of Fire Dangers

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Fire has already destroyed hundreds of dunams of crops this year, earlier than usual because of the premature harvest caused by the partial drought. This was stated by Mr. A. Amir, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, at the opening of the Fire Prevention Campaign here.

Last year, fire caused damage to the sum of nearly IL12m., he said, and only by the close cooperation of the public would a repetition be prevented. The danger of fire was not only confined to crops and saplings, but also to large areas of apparent waste land, which were, in fact, valuable pasture. Careless discarding of cigarette ends was one of the chief causes of fires, but crops were often ignited by sparks from tractors, combines and other machinery. Farmers should keep fire-fighting equipment on the fields, and not grow single units of more than 200 dunams without ploughing a fire-break around them.

To combat the fire menace, 19 observation posts had been set up throughout the country to be in constant touch with 30 fire-fighting units. The fire brigade, to date, had held 35 courses for settlements, and this year, additional guidance would be provided by instructors on the spot. There were now 120 fire engines in the country spread over 24 stations, it was stated.

Mr. John Kellough, USOM fire-fighting expert, stated that insufficient attention was paid to fire prevention in agriculture, in contrast to the large sums spent on agricultural development here. "If a thing is worth building, it is worth protecting", he declared.

AMSTERDAM BANK BUYING MORE BONDS

PARIS, Sunday (INA). — The Amsterdamsche Bank of Antwerp has announced its decision to purchase a substantial amount of Israel Development Bonds. This follows the purchase of $600,000 worth of bonds by the same bank in Amsterdam. All proceeds from the sale of bonds in Belgium will remain in that country and are utilised for financing of exports to Israel.

MISSING WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN CISTERN

The body of Miriam Sonnenfeld, 28, was found on Saturday in a water cistern near Hartuv, in the Jerusalem Corridor. She disappeared a fortnight ago from a rest home in Beit Meir where she had been sent on doctor's orders to recover from mental depression.

Hill 24 Smashing Box Office Records

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Hill 24 Doesn't Answer" is proving a major box office success in Tel Aviv and Haifa as it was in Jerusalem. In the first month of its run in these cities it was seen by some 200,000 people, it was stated by the producers, Sik-Or Films.

At the Ophir Cinema in Tel Aviv more than 100 places a day, specially reserved for tourists, are always fully booked. This is its eighth week at this house, the second at the Armon in Haifa.

It had its first "official" showing abroad at the Cannes Film Festival last week, and the Italian Minister here is trying to arrange for the picture to be put on at the Venice Festival also.

Meanwhile it is reported that negotiations for its North American distribution, being conducted there by Mr. Zvi Kolitz, one of its executive producers, are nearing completion. Similar negotiations are going on in other countries, including Britain and South Africa, and after the Cannes showing it is hoped that these will be stepped up. The festival there will be attended by Mr. Jack Padwa, the other executive producer, and Mr. Otto Sonnenfeld, president of the Film Producers Association in Israel.

It has just been reported from London that Miss Haya Hararit, who plays the female lead and is now studying drama there, has been chosen by an American company to make a film in Portugal with Oscar winner Jose Ferrer.

LEGION TO ISSUE IDENTITY CARDS

The Arab Legion headquarters will issue one million identity cards to Jordan citizens, taking over the task previously allotted to the Ministry of Interior, according to the Jordan paper, "Falastin."

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.45 and 8.45 p.m.

ARNON: Turn the Key Softly, 2nd week.
EDEN: Rhapsody.
EDISON: Magnificent Obsession, 3rd week.
ORNA: The Gypsy Queen, 2nd week.
ORION: River of No Return.
OSGIL: Pebble Enemy No. 1.
RON: Dame Elizabeth Lady, 2nd week.
STUDIO: Ditte, Child of Man.
TEL OR: "Reges Ore II."
ZION HALL: Malaga.

TEL AVIV

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Rasoro.
CHEN: Hans Christian Anderson, 5th week.
ESTHER: Knights of the Round Table.
MATMID: Nevada. 10 a.m. till 11 p.m.
MOGRABI: Beneath the 12-Mile Reef, 2nd week.
OPHIR: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer, 8th week.
ORION: "Siamo Donne."
TAMAR: "Perviane Chiuse." 4th week. Matinees: Tycoon.
YARON: "Le Mouton a Cinq Pattes."

HAIFA

MAY: King Richard and the Crusaders.
GAL OR: Stage at Red River. Matinees: Johnny Steel Pigeon.
MORIAH: Executive Suite.
AMPHITHEATER: Night People, 2nd week.
ORAH: "Catena."
ARMON: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer.
ORLY: Ultime Incontro.
EN DOR: Jamaica Run.
ORION: Romeo and Juliet, 2nd week.
ATZMON: Brigadoon, 2nd week.
PEER: Song of Fellows.

TOUR IN A ROW FOR ISRAEL PING-PONGERS

BLOEMFONTEIN, Sunday (Reuter). — The touring Israel table tennis team had an easy 7:0 victory last night against an Orange Free State team here, winning every game.

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 3, Cleveland 9; Detroit 7, Chicago 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh 3, New York 13.

ARAB BLOCKED FUNDS FOR ABANDONED ASSETS

The Arab League has announced that Israel is now studying a plan under which her citizens originating from Arab countries would exchange their blocked funds there for abandoned Arab property in Israel, according to the Jordan daily newspaper, "A-Diffa."

The League's Council will take up this question at its forthcoming session in Cairo.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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HAIFA: Rohar, Ariosoroff, 3683. Shenurim, Jaffa cor. Bank, 4024. KIRYAT HAIM: Bialik, 7280. SAFAD: Feldmann.

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Four Minute Mile Evades Santee Again

MIAMI, Sunday (UP). — Wes Santee, America's top miler, fell seven seconds short of the magic four minute mile yesterday as he breasted a 13-mile per hour breeze in the University of Miami's Invitational Mile run.

The lanky Kansas cowboy finished his run with a terrific kick almost an eighth of a mile ahead of his pace maker, Art Dalzell, in a time of 4:07.

Although he failed in his try to become the first American to run the mile in less than four minutes, it was the 20th time he had run the distance in less than 4:10.

Ellsworth's Swaps Wins Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Sunday (UP). — Rex C. Ellsworth's Swaps, the speed ball from California, went out in front as he streaked under the finish line for the first time and stayed there the rest of the way at Churchill Downs yesterday in the 81st running of the $152,850 Kentucky Derby.

The chestnut colt had Belair Stud's favoured Nashua right at his throat as the pair zipped around the final bend into the home stretch leading to gold and glory, and when little Willie Shoemaker asked the colt for his best he really got it.

The flashing streak of lightning, the second California-bred ever to win the Rose Run, literally ran away from his rival in a furious drive to win by a length and a half.

Birmingham, Luton Promoted to L'gue I.

By AKIVA KALMAN

Clashing with the excitement of the Cup Final football match at Wembley (London) on Saturday, came the final games in the League struggles during last week. With practically the last kick of the season, Birmingham City, with a 5-1 away win over Doncaster Rovers, snatched the championship of the Second Division from Luton Town, both of whom win promotion to the First Division.

Rotherham United, which won 6-1 in a game on Monday, was pipped on the post, staying in League II only because of a .091 per cent weaker goal average than Luton. Similarly, Leeds United, which stood in second place the previous Saturday, lost promotion through the Birmingham City and Rotherham wins, finishing one point behind the leading three, all of whom had 54.

RESULTS: Div. 1: Everton 6, Aston V. 1; Lds. C. 4, Bolton W. 0; Div. II: Doncaster R. 1, Birmingham 5; Lincoln 0, Port V. 1. Division III (S): Brighton 4, Aldershot 3; Coventry 1, Southend 4; Crystal P. 2, Norwich 0; W. Swindon 2, Reading 0; Torquay 1, Colchester 1. Div. III (N.): Barnsley 4, Chester 2; Bradford C. 0, Accrington S. 3; Workington 1, Halifax 0; Wrexham 5, Grimsby 0.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

MAY 8

Pop. Loans	
1949/59 (IL10)	103½
5½% Treas Dollar x7y)	2383
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	97½
4% Reg. Sterling "A" c)	93
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	941
Pal. Mortgage Bds. Ser. 2	99
Pal. Loans (ord. ch. d)	269
A.P.B. Investm..	
ord. sh. "B"	1108
Gaash ord. sh. "B" c)	302
Elbro's Inv. ord. "B"	1671
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	171
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	79
Discr 4% debs. 56/63	93½
Nir 4% Debs. (bear)	93½
5% pref. sh.	74
Fass 4% debs. 60/64 reg	94
"Even" 5% debs.	83½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	1231
3% debs.	89½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	749
Bancor 6% pref. ord sh.	918
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	264
"A" ord. shares	105
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Jar.)	—
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Lds)	209
Mahoroth pref. sh.	65½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	121
5-5½ conv. debs.	97
"Hardasah" ord. "B" sh	1298
7% conv. debs. 58/68	105
Mother-Bee ord. sh. reg. £	1052
Pal.-Brewery 5% con. sh.	98
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	3543
"Tera" ord. sh.	1090
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	1124
6% debs. "B" sh(d)	129
Pal. Cold 6½ 7% debs. c)	145
ord. sh. reg.	225
Pal. Centr. Tr. 5% debs.	98

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
491, 240, 48.9 & 31.3 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 9.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programmes (including News): 5 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Violin Concerto (Mendelssohn); Symphony No. 3 (Schumann). 1.45 Light Notes (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.15 Stamps (R). 4.40 Vocal Recital: Michael Ben Haviam. 5.00 Notes for Scripture Reading. 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Lag ba'Omer Songs. 7.30 Lag Ba'Omer in Meron. 7.35 Maimonides Anniversary. 7.50 Tales of Tunes. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 Newsreel. 9.00 Curtain Up: "Socrates" by Clifford Bax. 10.00 Bracha Eden & Alexander Wolkowiski: Music for two Pianos. 10.30 Requests (Songs). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 468, 298, 246, 48.9 & 31.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.3 M.): (South African Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 From the Federation. 6.45 Sports Review. 7.00 Learn a Song. 7.15 Close Down.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 WIZO delegation visits Israel. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.4, 218, 205 & 187 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.32 Programme. 7.00 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.30 Among the Flags. 8.00 Rahaf's Orchestra. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert: Piano Concerto No.1 (Beethoven); Symphony No.5 (Sibelius). 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.48, 25.53, 31.15 M.): 4.30-7.00 p.m. News, Newsreel, Echoes from the World.

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★ Exhibitions:—
Watercolours of wild plants by Ruth Cuppel at Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Malmon Avenue. 10-1, 3-6 p.m.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition 10-1, 4-6.

Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.). 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

Exhibition of Abstract and Surrealist Art. Exhibit of the Month: "Yahuda-Haggada." Illuminated Ashkenazic Passover Haggada. Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.

Spring Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists. Artists House, 10-1, 4-7.

★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Show: —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ Piano Recital:—
Miss Yael Zimmerman, Y.M.C.A., 8.30 p.m. Public is welcome.

★ Symposium:—
U.N. Technical Assistance Experts. Evelina de Rothschild School, 20 Rehov Usishkin, 8 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Theatre:—
Cameri Theatre, "Come Back, Little Sheba," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "As You Like It," Cameri Theatre Hall, 6 p.m.
Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m.
Ohel, Premiere, "Tea and Symphony."

★ Exhibitions:—
1) Competitions for Murals and architectural works by S. Sebbe. 2) 20th Century French Art (A. & H. Backs Collection). Museum, daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

HAIFA

Haifa Artists and Photographs of the Tombs in the Kidron Valley. Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

★ Exhibitions:—
Opening of the exhibition of Columbia University "Men's Right to Knowledge and The Free Use Thereof," sponsored by the U.S.A. Information Service. 5.30 p.m., Beit Bridstein, 20 Rehov Y.L. Peretz.

RISHON-LE-ZION

★ Theatre:—
Futuch'ke Burstein and Lillian Lux: "Leibele Lutz," Musical, Mihal Hall, 8.45 p.m.

KFAR SABA

★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "King Lear," 8 p.m.

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★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, Ball in Savoy, well-known operetta. Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

BENEIBERAK

Concert Theatre, "The Mimes," 8 p.m.

PARDESS HANNA

★ Theatre:—
Ohel, "Shraga Feivush goes to the Negev".

REHOVOT

★ Theatre:—
Dulgan and Shumacher in "Lachi Gesunterheit". Beit Ha'am, 8.30 p.m.

THE DELEGATION OF THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN ZIONISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all those who have helped to make their visit a memorable one, and especially to its sister organization, the Israel Federation of WIZO.

יומן תבחירות
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
A plenary meeting of the Central Elections Committee for the Third Knesset will take place on Thursday, May 12, 1955, at 4 p.m. at the committee's Jaffa offices, Rehov 6 No. 42.
REHOVOT REGION
The telephone number of the Elections Committee for the Third Knesset, Rehovot Region, is Rehovot 470.

Notices to the Public

TENDER No. 9/55
KNITTED GOODS

The Ministry of Health, Stores and Supply Department, requires the following knitted goods.
140 dozens Interlock singlets, white, various sizes
120 dozens Interlock men's pants, white, various sizes
250 dozens women's panties, various colours and sizes.

Additional particulars obtainable at the Stores and Supply Department, 20th Street No. 7, Jaffa, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Offers in closed envelopes and samples under separate cover should be submitted not later than May 30, 1955, 10 a.m. to the Ministry of Health, Julian's Way, Jerusalem. The envelope enclosing the offer should be marked: "Tender for the supply of knitted goods No. 9/55."

The offer must be accompanied by a bank guarantee amounting to 10% of the offered price and which is to serve as security that all the terms of the bid are abided by.

A certificate from the Income Tax Department to the effect that the bidder has settled his Income Tax account, should also be attached to the offer.

The Stores and Supply Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any offer whatsoever. It also is not obliged to order the whole offer or order it all from the same manufacturer.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
Stores and Supply Department

ISSUE OF NEW STAMP —YOUTH ALIYA

The Postal Authorities take pleasure in announcing the issue on May 10, 1955, of a series of 6 stamps in appreciation of the activities of Youth Aliya. The stamps will be of 5, 10, 25, 30, 60 and 750 pruta denominations.

1. First Day Covers will be sold on the day of issue at post offices and postal agencies throughout the country and at the Philatelic Service offices for 40 pruta each. The covers bearing new stamps will be cancelled with the "Day of Issue" mark, in addition to the regular postmark, at all post offices, at Class "A" and "B" postal agencies as well as at the Philatelic Service's offices. Sale of First Day Covers will be restricted to a maximum of 20 envelopes to every buyer.
2. Ordinary envelopes bearing new stamps will likewise be cancelled with the special "Day of Issue" mark, following public demand.
4. Class "C" Postal Agencies will sell the First Day Covers, but will not cancel them with the special cancellation mark.
5. First Day Covers bearing the stamps and the post mark of the Jerusalem Post Office will be on sale on the day of issue at the offices of the Philatelic Service, 2 Rehov Pinsker, Tel Aviv (7.30 a.m.-4 p.m.) at Rehov Bet No. 10, Hakirya (7.30 a.m.-4 p.m.) and at the temporary office at the Beit Hahalutzot, 37 King George Avenue, Tel Aviv (7.30 a.m.-4 p.m.), at a price of 930 pruta each. Such envelopes will be accepted for Registered Mail delivery solely at the Jerusalem Post Office and on the day of issue (May 10, 1955).
6. Stamp collectors can buy complete sheets, stamps with tabs or stamp blocks on the day of issue at the special counter at the Jerusalem General Post Office, and at the post offices at the Knesset, Mesh She'arim and South Jerusalem (11-43 German Colony). The above items will also be on sale at the General Post Office of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, at all Haifa post offices (except the Harbour branch). Sales will be restricted to:
   - 20 stamps with tabs of each denomination
   - 3 complete sheets of each denomination
   - 3 plate-numbered blocks of each denomination.
7. The new stamps in the various forms will be grouped and sold as follows:
   a) Stamps with tabs in series of at least 5 stamps of the 5, 10, 25, 30 and 60 pruta denominations.
   b) Complete sheets in series of at least 4 stamps of the 5, 10, 25 and 30 pruta denominations.
   c) Plate-numbered blocks in complete series only, i.e. the 10, 25, 30, 60 and 750 pruta denominations.
8. Stamps with tabs, plate-numbered blocks and complete sheets will be sold at all the special counters of the Philatelic Service on the day of issue without restriction as to quantity, but grouped according to particulars given in para. 7 above.

UNIVERSITY OPENS FIRST BUILDING ON NEW CAMPUS

Message from Mr. Moshe Sharett

Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE Hebrew University in Jerusalem is the university of the Jewish people; and the dedication of the first of the buildings on its new site is an event whose significance extends far beyond Israel's borders. Bereft of its home on Scopus and scattered for more than seven hard years throughout two score of temporary buildings, the University has with courage and tenacity kept alight the torch of Jewish and of universal scholarship till it was given to it, with the help of devoted and generous friends abroad, to embark upon the erection of new, well-planned quarters.

The opening of this building is a notable milestone in our educational and scientific evolution. As this centre of the spirit grows and flourishes, the Jewish women of Canada, and Canadian Hadassah in particular, may justly pride themselves that they have led the way in providing a new home of learning and research in the natural conditions of the land of Israel, and of those values of the mind which have throughout history been the distinct contribution of the Jewish people to world culture.

Givat Ram Extension of Scopus

Message from the University's President

Prof. B. Mazar

IT is with deep sense of gratification that the Hebrew University today inaugurates the first building on its new campus in Jerusalem. The event heralds the end of that unhappy period, which has now endured for seven years, during which the University has had to conduct its activities in inadequate, provisional quarters scattered all over the city and under conditions of greatest discomfort. It also opens up vistas of a new era of expansion and of intensified activity for the furtherance of science and scholarship in Israel.

The University is profoundly grateful to all those who have made possible the building of this new campus. In the first place, our thanks go out to the Government of Israel which last year granted us the land, in perpetuity, for the purpose. And in the second place, our gratitude is due to the Friends of the Hebrew University in all parts of the world. The buildings now arising on Givat Ram, many of them to bear the names of various organisations and individuals both in Israel and abroad, all testify to the generous support we have received in the carrying out of this major undertaking and to the awareness that exists everywhere that the Hebrew University is not only the University of Israel but of the Jewish people as a whole.

Today, it is my special privilege to single out for thanks the organization to which we owe the building we are now inaugurating: Canadian Hadassah (Wizo), whose record of work in the Zionist movement and in the building up of this country has already won for itself a high reputation, and which now has a special place in the history of the University. Both Canada Hall and the Chaim Weizmann Memorial Laboratories for Biology which Canadian Hadassah set up at the University two years ago, permanently link the name of this organization with the University and bear witness to a partnership which has been of invaluable service to our institution.

The new University does not supersede our campus on Mount Scopus. This we have not renounced and shall never renounce. Givat Ram is merely an extension of Scopus, and we eagerly look forward to the day when both will be at our disposal and at the service of the Jewish people.

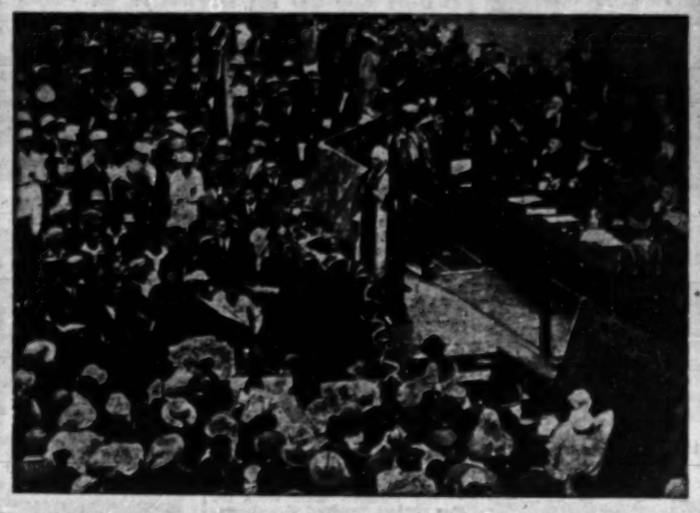
Greetings to the Hebrew University

on the Dedication of Canada Hall at the Givat Ram Campus.

May this initial step lead to the speedy construction of the Campus in full.

The New Jerusalem Conservatoire & Academy of Music

From Mount Scopus to Givat Ram



Lord Balfour speaking at the opening of the University on Mount Scopus on April 1, 1925.

By MARCIA GITLIN

THIS morning's ceremony at which the first building on the new Hebrew University campus is to be officially opened on Givat Ram, will inevitably call to mind that other ceremony, held only a month earlier, thirty years ago, when the University as a whole was inaugurated on Mount Scopus.

The external differences between the two will, of course, be most strikingly apparent: the uniqueness and grandeur of Scopus as contrasted with the more usual loveliness of Givat Ram, and the richness of the pageant that unfolded itself against the austere Judean Hills as compared with the simplicity which will govern the proceedings today. But remembered, too, will be the differences in atmosphere, in the attitude of mind of those present on both occasions, and in the conditions obtaining in the country itself at that time and today.

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LAYING one of the twelve foundation stones of the University in 1918, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, among the earliest protagonists of the idea of the University and in the forefront of those who can be said to have brought it into being, declared: "It seems paradoxical that in a land with so sparse a population, in a land where everything still remains to be done, in a land crying out for such simple things as ploughs, roads and harbours, we should begin by creating a centre of spiritual and intellectual development. But this is no paradox to those who know the soul of the Jew..."

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SEVEN years later, when Dr. Weizmann presided at the opening of the University, the seeming paradox was no less in existence. The country was still undeveloped and crying out for "simple things". But the "soul of the Jew" responded with indescribable fervour to the event which heralded the end of exile for the Jewish spirit and the revival of Hebrew culture and civilization. The thousands who ascended Mount Scopus on April 1, 1925, and who heard Lord Balfour in ringing tones declare the University open, were moved beyond the point of tears. The benediction recited by Lord Samuel, the High Commissioner, "Blessed art Thou who hast kept us in life, and hast preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season", found an answering echo in their hearts as seldom before.

Today, there will be nothing like that fervour and enthusiasm. For despite all the trials which have beset it, despite its lack of a physical home and the need to start building a campus all over again, the University is an established fact, its existence beyond all doubts and questionings. It is no longer merely a vision as it was in 1925, the beginning of a dream come true. As against the three small research institutes which was all that it comprised at the time of its opening, there are today six full Faculties in addition to various ancillary institutions. And as against the hopes that were harboured for the deeds it would accomplish, there is now a record of real achievement in the interests of human knowledge, of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people at large.

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THE growth of the University did not, of course, take place in a vacuum. It was an integral part of the growth and development that have taken place in the country as a whole during the thirty years since the University was opened. In 1925, the Jewish Homeland, no less than the University, was still in its infancy. The Jewish population numbered just over 100,000 souls. There were less than 50 agricultural settlements and practically nothing in the way of industry. Life in many respects was still fairly primitive. Scepticism about the ability of the Yishuv to survive was still rife in many quarters. The changes that have taken place since those days are familiar to everyone in this country and to every student of Zionist history. Most eloquent of them, however, is the fact that today's ceremony will be held not in a British mandated territory but in a Jerusalem which is the capital of the independent State of Israel.

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OBVIOUSLY, the University could not have progressed if conditions in the country had remained static. But it grew also because it had a vital part to play in the development of the land. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Judah L. Magnes, who was not only one of its founders but also for many years its Chancellor and later its first President, the University responded to every need of the Jewish Homeland and contributed towards the advances made in numerous spheres. Thus, from the very beginning, both agriculture and industry benefited from the researches carried out in its laboratories, while its investigations in the field of medicine did much to raise health standards in the country. It provided teachers for the rapidly growing school population, and it offered opportunities for higher studies for the boys and girls emerging from the secondary schools. Not least important, Hebrew University scholars played an indispensable role in shaping the ancient Hebrew language for modern usage and in paving the way for the creation of the centre of Jewish learning which Israel has become.

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THAT work has continued up to the present day. Indeed, during the seven years since the establishment of the State of Israel — which have coincided with the seven years of its exile from Scopus — the University has even accelerated the tempo of its activities. But now, as it looks back over the history of the past thirty years, it can proudly recall its many services not only to this country but also to the Jewish people outside it. In the dark years of Nazi and Fascist persecution, Jewish scholars and students, driven out of the universities abroad, found a spiritual haven within its walls.

Sir Leon Simon, then Chairman of the University Executive Council, confers honorary degrees on the late Dr. Chaim Weizman and the late Dr. Judah L. Magnes on July 1, 1948.

And when the lamp of Jewish learning was extinguished in Europe, where it had burned most brightly, it was in Jerusalem that it was kindled anew, in the Institute of Jewish Studies of the Hebrew University. Today, the Hebrew University has become one of the most potent factors in the strengthening of cultural and spiritual ties between Israel and the Diaspora.

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A LONG distance lies between Mount Scopus and Givat Ram, for all the less than a dozen kilometres that divide them. But distance has not separated them. Givat Ram is merely an extension of Scopus, bound to it by innumerable ties, but most of all by the faith which has run like a guiding thread between them. That faith, abundantly present in 1925, has remained unshaken throughout the years, never more strikingly apparent than in the difficult days since 1948, and never more significantly given expression than in the ceremony taking place on Givat Ram today.

Canada Hall (right) and the Chaim Weizmann Memorial Laboratories for Botany (left). The road running along the entire length of the campus on the east has already been paved.

Photo by Baum

A CHAPTER DRAWS TO A CLOSE

By A Special Correspondent

FOR the Hebrew University, the opening today of the first building on its new campus in Jerusalem marks the end of a chapter which has been the most difficult as well as the most challenging in its history.

At the end of 1947, it was a University solidly established in its own magnificent premises on Mount Scopus, with a record of noteworthy achievements already to its credit and with plans for expansion that were rapidly taking shape. Only a few months later, it was suddenly transformed into a University without a home.

Faced with the problems that confronted it, it might, of course, have succumbed to despair. Anguish there certainly was on that day it was forced to leave Mount Scopus. But anguish did not mean loss of faith, and the University had a good reserve of that. It firmly believed that the severance from Mount Scopus was temporary — a few months at the most — and that it would soon be restored to its campus. And it also firmly believed that until that day arrived, it had to carry on, as best it could, in the circumstances in which it found itself.

Viewing those circumstances from the vantage point of today, one can only marvel at that faith. The war in Jerusalem was still in progress, despite the official truce, and the scars of battle were everywhere evident. At the same time, living accommodation was at a premium. The mass immigration had begun, new immigrants were pouring into the city, and it was no simple matter to find a home for the University with its two complete Faculties and its numerous institutes and departments. Added to the problem of premises was the fact that the half a million volumes of the Jewish National and University Library had had to be left behind on Mount Scopus, as well as the bulk of the scientific equipment.

Yet, in the shortest possible time, the University was functioning again. In what were formerly residential apartments, in government offices, in monasteries and in disused basements, in bathrooms that were turned into laboratories and hallways into workshops, it took up where it had left off on Mount Scopus and even went a great deal further. Over the years, new scientific apparatus was acquired both through purchase and gifts, and by dint of extraordinary effort, the Library built up new collections in the city. The "few months" which it was thought would constitute the entire period of exile from Mount Scopus drifted into years, but the University proceeded with its work as if the separation had never taken place.

Accelerated Tempo

In actual fact, it proceeded at a tempo such as it had never known. For the separation had coincided with the establishment of the State of Israel, and of a sudden, the University was confronted with new and inescapable demands. In no time, there became apparent in the country a serious dearth of trained personnel, and the duty of the University lay clear. The training of physicians and scientists of lawyers and jurists, of teachers, economists, sociologists, agronomists and civil servants had to become one of its chief concerns. The speeding-up of scientific research to help in the development of the country was no less urgent.

Thus it was that barely more than a year after Mount Scopus had become inaccessible, the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School was inaugurated. A few months later saw the opening of the Law Faculty. In the years that followed, the School of Agriculture was expanded into a full-fledged Faculty, the School of Education was reorganized under the joint auspices of the University and the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences was established, and Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy were added to the list of University institutions. The number of students rose steadily, from 1,000 in 1949 to 3,300 today, and of teachers from 190 to 500.

The then Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, greets the opening of the Hebrew University — Hadassah Medical School on May 31, 1949.

Photo by Bernheim

Behind this bald statement of facts lies a record of immense services to the State. The graduates of the University are today scattered throughout the country, occupying responsible posts in the Government, the national institutions and other public bodies.

Some of the University's teachers have been "loaned" to Government in order to head essential departments while continuing with their work at the University. And at the University itself, researches are being carried out of the greatest importance to Israel. In the natural sciences and in agriculture, in medicine and in law, in pedagogy and in Jewish Studies, the work that is done affects every sphere of life in the country.

Fresh Currents

Nor are these services confined to the State. Never is it forgotten that the University is the University of the Jewish people as a whole, and that one of its major tasks is the infusion of fresh currents of life into the body of Judaism. It is mainly through its Institute of Jewish Studies, through its publications and through its efforts to attract to itself Jewish students from abroad, that the University has endeavoured to carry out this task.

The achievements of the University during the past seven years would have drawn attention to themselves under any circumstances. But under the existing circumstances, they are truly remarkable. The number of the University's provisional premises is today somewhere in the neighbourhood of 50, but the pressure on space is still acute. Overcrowding is the rule everywhere, with students standing during lectures and jostling each other in laboratories, and teachers having to repeat the same demonstration to group after group in a class.

Nor has the problem of the Library been solved. The 300,000 volumes now in its possession certainly fill the vacuum left after the severance from Scopus. But they are far from sufficient for the University's needs.

So greatly has the University expanded in these years of trial, that even if the barriers to Mount Scopus were removed today, the buildings there would be inadequate to house it. It was largely this consideration which finally decided the University — reluctantly enough — to embark on the building of a new campus in Jerusalem.

The new campus is intended to complement and not to supersede Mount Scopus, and the University eagerly looks forward to the day when the former will be completed and the latter made available to it again.

At the 25th Graduation Exercises on April 17, 1955, Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin, former Chief of Staff, receives his Ph.D. from the President of the University, Professor Mazar.

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"SIGHTSEEING" Ltd. Leads Israel Tourism

A Canadian Company in Action

One of the most successful Canadian investments in Israel, Sightseeing Ltd., is the result of the enterprise of two Canadians working in Israel, and a Canadian group of investors known as "Israel Investment (Canada) Ltd.", who joined forces immediately after the War of Liberation. This company has done more than any other group to prepare Israel for the reception of and catering for tourists.

The two Israel directors, Arthur H. Goldberg and A. Lionel Druker, are both veterans of the Israel War of Liberation.

Arthur Goldberg was born in Vancouver, B.C., and from his earliest youth he was keenly interested in Zionist activities.

Lionel Druker came from the opposite side of Canada — he was born in Sydney, N.S. He is one of the past presidents of the Canadian Young Judaea, and a former member of the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Tourist Survey

When Lionel Druker and Arthur Goldberg met, they found that they had an important peace-time aim in common — to further the cause of Tourism in Israel. To this end they made an exhaustive survey of the situation and prevailing conditions, and planned to build up their own tourist organization.

It was then that they joined forces with a group of leading Canadian businessmen.

In 1949, when Israel emerged victorious from the war, the Company opened its first office in Tel Aviv, and this was soon followed by the opening of their branch in Haifa.

The joint efforts of both the Israel Company, Sightseeing Ltd., and the Canadian Associates, Israel Investments (Canada) Ltd., have been largely instrumental in fostering the Israel tourist trade.

Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Druker, both seasoned travellers themselves, have again recently visited Europe and America and brought from their trips many novel and progressive tourist programmes.

One of the plans which have now materialised is the visit of the Canadian Hadassah-Wizo group organized by Sightseeing Ltd., which promises to be the best organized and most successful tour ever undertaken in this country.

Sightseeing Ltd. has just now acquired three additional luxury buses which will make this company the largest Tour Operator in the whole of the Middle East, operating with their own fleet of luxury coaches, limousines and drive-yourself-cars.

Greetings from President of Canadian Zionist Organization

IT is indeed an opportunity of great joy for me to greet the Hadassah Organization of Canada and its highly competent and devoted President, Mrs. D. P. Gottlieb, on the occasion of the dedication of Canada Hall as the first building on the Hebrew University site at Givat Ram.

Mr. E.E. Gelber

The very name of the place on which the University will arise is an apt reflection of the lofty character to which its buildings are consecrated. Height of purpose and breadth of outlook in our people can come only from minds that have been trained and from lives exposed to the cultural achievements of man in general and to our own Jewish heritage in particular. The joinder of the physical task of building this land and the cultivation of the spirit of its inhabitants are mirrored with faithful clarity in this venture of reconstructing the Hebrew University. Those who are attached to its programmes or come within the ken of its purpose catch that sense of ultimateness for which the State of Israel has arisen.

As one who knows Canadian Hadassah well and takes pride in its achievements, I am happy to state that this sense of balance is ever present in the Hadassah programme. Canada Hall on the new University campus eloquently testifies to its contribution to the building of the land, while at the same time demonstrating its ever present consciousness of the University's central position as an institution of higher learning. All this gives Hadassah a mark of greatness which I greet on this occasion.

The World WIZO Executive

cordially welcomes the group of members of its Canadian Federation

"Hadassah—WIZO"

and wishes them a happy stay in Israel.

The World WIZO movement is proud of the devoted and untiring work of its Canadian sisters.

May the visiting members draw inspiration from seeing their great achievements in Israel!

PICA

The Palestine Jewish Colonization Association

(Edmond de Rothschild Foundation)

Baron Edmond de Rothschild, Father of the Yishuv and Founder of PICA, saw that Jewish life in the Land of our Fathers postulated a Jewish education and an agriculture and industry based on the most thorough knowledge.

He therefore supported the Hebrew University's Institute of Jewish Studies from its first days. PICA continues this support and has donated generously to the construction of the Faculty of Agriculture's building. The Chair of Agriculture is named after Mr. James A. de Rothschild, President of PICA and son of the Baron.

University's Botanists Serve Israel

By A Science Reporter

THE lecture hall for botany students being opened today on the new University campus is directly linked with the last building on which construction was begun on Mount Scopus, before the hill became inaccessible. For this building, the skeleton of which can be seen from the city even now, was intended for biology, and a large section of it would have been devoted to botanical studies.

This is not entirely a coincidence. The fact that new premises were needed for botany even in 1947, clearly points to the continuous development that has taken place in this field of studies at the University. The Botany Department was far more comfortably housed on Mount Scopus than it is at present in the city of Jerusalem, but its work had expanded so considerably over the years that new premises had become essential.

That work had grown out of virtually nothing. In the early years of Jewish colonization, natural life in Palestine, both plant and animal, was *terra incognita*, and for both the botanist and the zoologist the country offered an unsurpassed field for pioneer work.

By 1925, when the Hebrew University was opened, a certain amount of botanical investigation had already been done by men like Post and Aaronson. But from that time onwards the University botanists took over. Under the inspired leadership of Dr. A. Eig, who in a real sense can be described as the father of botanical research in this country, they applied themselves to the theoretical and practical problems at hand. By 1948, they had provided a more or less complete inventory of the flora of Palestine. They had also made intensive studies of the ecology of the plants they found, and had for years been putting the knowledge thus gained at the service of the Jewish Homeland. Thus, they had worked out methods of utilising native trees for afforestation and of putting local industrial and medicinal plants to commercial use. At the same time, they had made a considerable contribution towards agricultural development, cooperating with the agronomists in finding solutions to many of their problems. To mention only a few instances, Professor M. Evenari, head of the Department, and the late Dr. E. Konis elaborated methods of artificial germination of seeds and forced sprouting of bulbs and tubers. Professor M. Zohary classified and described the weeds of Palestine and, together with Dr. A. Fahn, also assisted the beekeeping industry by an investigation of nectar-forming plants.

When the State of Israel came into being, the services of the University's botanists were more than ever in demand. The problem of feeding a rapidly growing population and yet of reducing imports, obviously called for the help of the scientists, and the Botany Department during the past seven years has done a great deal of research with a view to increasing food production. It has also concentrated on the problem of cattle feed — hardly less of a problem than that of human food — and it may not be long before this is solved by the experiments being carried out on Chlorella.

Only Woman Professor

The Department's expert on fungi, Professor Tcharna Rayss, supervises methods of cultivating mushrooms, a profitable crop grown in various settlements in quantities running to many tons a year. She also studies the diseases of mushrooms, and methods of control.

Fish-breeding does not seem to have much connection with botany, but the phyto-plankton growing in the ponds make an excellent natural food for the carp bred there. Professor Rayss, who incidentally is the only woman professor at the University, serves as consultant of the fish-breeders in ensuring proper conditions for the plankton and for keeping out poisonous growths.

Above — The President of Israel, in the greenhouse of the University's Botany Department, receives explanations on experiments connected with local agricultural development, from Professor M. Evenari, head of the Department.

Below — Botanical studies in full blast in the Chaim Weizmann Memorial Laboratories for Biology, erected with the aid of the Canadian Hadassah (WIZO) Organization.

Having a small territory and an expanding population, the State of Israel must make the most of every inch of its land, even the poorest. That is one reason why the Negev, its most arid zone, looms so large in its programme. Another is that the Negev covers more than half of Israel's domain.

Desert Research

Shortly after the State was established, the Jewish Agency and the Keren Kayemet together set up a Desert Research laboratory in Beersheba for the purpose of studying the flora and vegetation of the region, and conducting research into the utilisation of barren lands and sand dunes. Professor Zohary, who has made extensive studies of the plant geography and vegetation of Palestine and the Near East, was placed in charge of this Laboratory which, apart from its importance to Israel, may well make a contribution to a major world problem in geobotanical research, that of plant life in the desert. A detailed botanical map of the Negev is shortly to be published by the Laboratory. It will cover 60 per cent of the area of the State, and will represent the first study of its kind in the whole of the Middle East. The aim of the map is to show the potentialities of this region, which displays about 30 different plant communities growing in different habitats of the area.

The Department has also elaborated methods of germinating a number of economically important plants, mainly pasture grasses, which grow in the Negev and which the Ministry of Agriculture is interested in cultivating. More recently, it has commenced on an intensive study of the problems of pasture and the conversion of certain areas of the country into pastureland.

Wild Plants

As far as industrial plants are concerned, here, too, the Department has intensified its activities since 1948. Some of the very poisonous alkaloid plants which grow wild in Israel are used in the preparation of medicines, while others are the active principles in some of the ordinary stimulants. Plants containing essential oils (mint, sage, thyme and savory) are also used in medical preparations, but are prized chiefly for the scent and flavour they add to perfumes, liqueurs, sweets and other foodstuffs.

Botany is a popular subject at the University, and many science students turn to it. Most of the graduates either become natural science teachers in secondary schools or join a Government or other research laboratory in the country. A number of them serve as instructors in agricultural settlements and in immigrants' agricultural training schemes.

Until two years ago, teachers and students worked under extremely difficult conditions in the cramped quarters of the Department in Jerusalem. Then in 1953, life became somewhat easier when the Chaim Weizmann Memorial Laboratories for Biology were provisionally established in Talbieh with funds provided by Canadian Hadassah (Wizo). These laboratories will soon be transferred to their permanent quarters, which are rapidly nearing completion alongside the botany auditorium on the new campus, as are also two other botany laboratories in the same compound.

Sally Gotlieb Spurs Canada Fund Raising

AN attractive woman in a smart navy blue suit and neat sailor hat sat opposite me in the King David Hotel and sighed "I wish there were 48 hours to the day."

If there were, Mrs. Sally Gotlieb, National President of Canadian Hadassah (Wizo), would know how to use them. On her present 24 hour allocations she manages to make frequent air flights to the 78 "Hadassah Wizo" communities scattered over the vast tracts of Canada; to run her home which is a centre for Jewish cultural life in Winnipeg; and to perform the duties attendant upon her membership in the World Wizo Executive, the Hebrew University's Board of Governors, and the Actions Committee.

Mrs. Gotlieb's present visit to Israel, her eighth since 1937, coincides with the opening of Canada Hall, the lecture hall for botany on the new Hebrew University campus. "Our work for this project received the strongest support from ministers, premiers of provinces and university presidents. It aroused a really extraordinary enthusiasm among Jews and Gentiles alike."

The Hall is the third University project to be undertaken by "Canada's strongest women's organisation." Two years ago, the Chaim Weizmann Memorial Laboratories for Biology were built in Jerusalem's Kiryat Shmuel quarter with funds provided by Hadassah-Wizo. In addition, a scholarship fund has been established for the exchange of students between the Hebrew University and McGill University in Montreal.

Mrs. Gotlieb's rapid enumeration of Hadassah-Wizo activities (the name Hadassah remains from the original organization founded by Henrietta Szold in Canada — the present organization is part of World Wizo) was made in the tone of a woman accustomed to getting things done efficiently and without fuss.

On this year's busy fund-raising agenda is the construction of a new wing to the Magen David Adom hospital in Jaffa which will serve as a blood fractionation centre and a blood donor clinic; the installation of a hydrotherapeutic pool for post polio cases at the Sarafand Hospital and a long-range project to provide equipment for polio stricken cases in this country.

Mrs. Gotlieb is one of the few women Zionists of this writer's acquaintance who has encouraged her children to settle in this country. Her daughter, Mrs. Eunice Heller, is a psychotherapist working with the Ministry for Social Welfare, and her son Allen, now "the youngest don at Oxford University," is planning eventually to work and live in this country.

Asked about the younger generation of Canadian Jewry, Mrs. Gotlieb remarked rather sadly "They don't dream of Zionism the way the old-timers did. It takes a good deal of propaganda to inculcate the idea of Israel into them."

HALIKA RADKOWITZ

Beauty and Utility in Canada Hall

By A Special Correspondent

SIMPLE yet distinctive in design, Canada Hall is built of the attractive grey stone quarried out of the site itself which is being used for all the buildings on the campus. It is a two-storeyed structure, consisting downstairs of a spacious foyer and the lecture hall itself, intended to accommodate 250 students. Since the ceiling of the lecture hall is actually at the height of the two floors, the upper floor contains only one room, situated above the foyer and similar to it in size. This will be a library, to be named after Edward and Chana Gelber, of Canada.

The height of the lecture hall naturally contributes to its airiness, which is enhanced by the very modern ventilation system installed. Light streams in from long windows running down almost the entire length of the walls on either side, and the walls themselves are panelled in a pleasant light brown wood — the same wood that has been used for the students' desks, arranged in tiers leading down to the lecturer's platform.

A marble floor adds a pleasing effect to the hall, while a ceiling of special acoustic tiles and a special acoustic plaster covering the back wall should help remove some of the hardships of listening to lectures. Altogether, one gains the impression that this hall — and for that matter, the building as a whole — has been planned by the architect Mr. I. Gewirtzman, with an eye both to beauty and functionalism.

The botanical motif of the arresting sculptural design on the façade of Canada Hall indicates the use to which this first building to arise on the new Hebrew University campus will be put — as a lecture hall for botanical studies. About five metres high, it is extremely effective in its simplicity.

All photos on this page by Braun

Work carried on at fever pitch to complete the main lecture hall in Canada Hall for today's official inauguration.

The construction of Canada Hall is being financed by Canadian Hadassah (Wizo), which two years ago also provided for the building of the Chaim Weizmann Memorial Laboratories for Biology in the Talbieh quarter of Jerusalem. The botany section of these laboratories is shortly to be transferred to permanent quarters on the new University campus, structurally connected with Canada Hall and now nearing completion. Two other laboratories forming a unit with this one and at the same stage of construction, will bear respectively the names of the late Dr. Maxwell Lauterman, of Canada, and the late Mr. Joffe, Marks, of South Africa.

Green Belt

Canada Hall and the botany laboratories, as well as three physics laboratories in the same compound (two of them the gift of an anonymous donor in Switzerland) all lie on the eastern ridge of Givat Ram. They are surrounded by a section of the botanical garden which will run like a green belt along the entire eastern length of the campus, occupying some 260 dunams, i.e. about half the total area of the site, and providing an unobstructed view of the city. A garden within it will be named after the late Dr. David W. Senator, who for sixteen years guided the destinies of the University, first as Administrator and later as Executive Vice-President.

The whole Botany Department will move over to the new campus by the beginning of the next academic year, about November, 1955. But in the meantime, construction is taking place also on those buildings planned for occupation by the end of 1956. They comprise, on the western ridge, three laboratories for physical and inorganic chemistry, premises for the Humanities to be named after the late Reverend Moses Bernard Lauterman, and the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences; at the southern end, facing the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem, four students' hostels being erected by the Union of Jewish Women of Southern Africa, Argentine Jewry, and the Women's League for Israel.

The building of the campus is planned to take place in three stages. The premises mentioned above are included in the first stage. The second stage, which will be completed by the end of 1957, will see the construction of the Abraham Mazer Memorial Building (Institute of Jewish Studies), the George and Florence Wise Auditorium (the main auditorium), the Mona Bronfman Shackman Amphitheatre, premises for the Law Faculty (project of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University), for organic chemistry and biochemistry, and for the administration.

The main building in the third stage will be the Jewish National and University Library which should be ready by 1960.

The overall design for the campus, which provides for 10,000 students, has been agreed upon jointly by three leading Jerusalem architects, Messrs. J. Klarwein, R. Kauffmann and H. Rau. The buildings will be erected round a large open square which will be connected to the main entrance by the Magnes Boulevard, named after one of the founders of the University who was also its first President. Two other roads will run the entire length of the campus — one on the east, which is already paved, the other on the west.

The new University campus is, from the economic point of view, one of the most important enterprises in Jerusalem today. Six hundred labourers are employed on the construction work, and it is expected that the figure will rise to 700 during the summer.

The University's Development Committee, headed by Mr. D. Auster, and those responsible for the actual direction and building of the campus have worked at fever pitch, and the fact that the first structure is being opened less than a year after the site was dedicated on June 2 last year, is a matter on which all of them are to be congratulated.

Canadians Give Men and Money to Israel

By Molly Lyons Bar-David

THE Canadian Jewish population of some 240,000 has its own unique Zionist history, differing in pattern from that of any other Jewish community. Its manpower contribution to Israel has been small—though proportionately far higher than that of the U.S. Yet this handful of Jews, numbering less than 1,000 in all Israel, has made its impact felt through the individual calibre of the immigrants who have come during the past 25 years in separate families, all of them deliberately cutting themselves off from a higher standard of life for the comparatively primitive facilities in Israel.

This transplanting of self to frontier life was nearly always a self-understood responsibility, for the spirit of the covered wagon and the opening up of the Wild West were not so far behind in the history of North America. It was inevitable, too, that the work these individual immigrants took up in Israel should be of a pioneering nature. Even the most recent immigration from Canada—perhaps the only "wave" of its kind in Canadian Zionist history—is of *halutzim*: the young people have been drawn by the *kibbutz* movement in Hasolelim, Gesher Haziv, Hatzor, Kisufim, Mayan Zvi, Urim and scattered settlements from around Dan to far below Beersheba. They make excellent settlers, familiar from Canadian farming with agriculture's human demands, and at the same time schooled in the comforts of Canadian life, which they soon introduce to their settlements. There, private shower and kitchenette have become the accepted standard in the room-and-a-half living quarters of such members.

Middle-class immigration, too, has had in it this quality of pioneering. When the Sharon Valley east of Petah Tikva was largely wasteland, a handful of Jewish families from Western Canada came to Palestine, dug for water and planted the 1,000 dunams of Gan Hasharon, which today is one of the most fruitful privately owned groves in the country. This enterprise proved a model for others to follow with foreign investment from abroad.

Recent Canadian Jewish investors, also in the pioneering spirit, have introduced large modern factories in fields new to Israel. One settler alone, Mr. S. Dubiner of Toronto, has set up three going concerns, manufacturing plastics, corrugated boxes and pencils, and employing thousands of workers the year round.

Middle-Class Settlers

By and large, however, Israel has not been successful in drawing many middle-class settlers, though more recent attempts in this direction have evoked a better response than formerly. Among those who have come within the last year are the President of the Zionist Organization of Canada, Mr. Edward E. Gelber, and his family.

The scarcity of Canadians in Israel has kept them from becoming a *landsmanschaft* group, and they have "assimilated" with the community more readily than most other Anglo-Saxon immigrants. One former Canadian, for instance, is a Cabinet Minister.

The War of Liberation brought a good response from Jewish youth and a heartening number of airmen came from Canada to fight with *Mahal* for Israel's freedom. Most returned, but many stayed on. Among them were a number who set up, with the aid of Canadian capital, a tourist "Drive-Yourself" and a "Sightseeing" service, quite a going concern and the first in the field in Israel to introduce American-style luxury buses for tourists.

Canadian Capital

Canadian capital is invested in many a private or semi-public enterprise in Israel. The Dagon wheat silo going up in Haifa (the tallest structure in Israel) is partially Canadian-financed through the P.E.C. of Canada (Pecan). Also, Canadian investment has gone into such major undertakings as Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. in Haifa. P.E.C. of Canada, moreover, has acquired an interest in the former Central Bank of Cooperative Institutions (now called the Canada-Israel Central Bank) whose work for the benefit of cooperatives continues.

But it is in the field of public endeavour for Israel that Canadian Jewry has its most glowing record. Contributions to the United Israel Appeal have always been up to the mark, and in the purchase of Bonds for Israel, Canada is the second most important country. The work of this community for the Hebrew University, landmarked today with the opening of Canada Hall, is noteworthy. The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is an extremely active body, and it is significant that in addition to its valuable day-by-day work for the University it has also undertaken to finance the construction of premises for the Law Faculty on the new campus. Large gifts for the campus have come, too, from individual Canadian Jews: from Miss Annie Lauterman, who has provided the funds for the Humanities premises to bear the name of her late father, the Rev. Moses Bernard Lauterman, as well as for a botany laboratory in the name of her brother, Dr. Maxwell Lauterman; and from Mr. Allan Bronfman, National President of the Canadian Friends, who recently announced his intention of financing the erection of an amphitheatre in memory of his daughter, Mrs. Mona Bronfman Shackman.

Accent on Education

In view of this deep attachment to Jewish culture, it is understandable that Canadian Wizo should have placed its accent on educational institutions in Israel. Wizo's Agricultural School for girls at Nahalal, a project of Canadian Hadassah, has turned out more land girls for Israel than any other such school in the past 25 years. Its Director, Hannah Maisel-Shochat, pioneer *par excellence*, has patterned the teachings, with the guidance of Canadian agricultural know-how.

The newest Canadian WIZO institution in Israel is Hadassim, a Youth Aliya Children's Village for 350 youngsters trained chiefly for agriculture. This picturesque and ultra-modern institution compares with the best boarding schools anywhere, and, indeed, its limited places for private pupils are eagerly sought also by Jews abroad.

Hadassim is a pearl set in the crown of Emek Hefer, that smiling green valley which Canadian Jewry redeemed through the Keren Kayemet. In 1927, Ussishkin, after failing to interest American Jewry, came in despair to Canada. There his plan to purchase and clear Wadi Hawareth — the largest single Keren Kayemet undertaking up to that time — evoked immediate enthusiasm and a million dollars was raised for the purpose. The huge malarial fen was drained, settled and planted, to hearten all the Jewish world. Today it is the green garden of Israel. The district's capital, Kfar Vitkin, is the largest and most prosperous *moshav ovdim* in Israel.

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FORECAST: Shower weakening in the evening.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Carmel	25	15	29	20
Tiberias	27	17	31	21
Haifa Port	19	13	23	17
Natanya	15	17	23	24
Tel Aviv Kirya	13	13	23	24
Tel Aviv Port	11	14	24	23
Lydda Airport	10	10	24	23
Jerusalem	17	10	27	27
Beersheba	19	11	31	25
Eilat	29	23	37	27

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Min. temp. tonight. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

RAINFALL

	Week Ending May 1	Total for the Year
Mizpe Am	0.7	697.7
Dafna	19.1	1021.3
Mount Carmel	5.6	839.5
Kfar Hanasi	7.2	468.5
Tiberias	2.3	779.7
Degania	1.4	801.6
Afikim	1.9	566.3
Hotel-Rig	Drops	780.0
Ramat David	1.7	713.1
Afula	0.3	702.0
Mishmar Ha'emek	2.2	671.5
Haifa Port	1.4	1004.2
Ein Hahoresh	2.5	1024.0
Netanya	4.6	949.9
Ramat Hakovesh	14.1	961.0
Ramatayim	4.3	944.0
Tel Aviv Kirya	1.4	613.6
Lydda	1.3	621.4
Rehovot	5.6	814.9
Ahuza	2.2	692.7
Tel Shahar	2.4	779.6
Hanaa	0.2	617.4
Jerusalem	4.3	825.7
Dorot	0.3	780.4
R'vivim	0.0	32.0
Ein Yahav	0.0	35.0
Eilat	Drops	38.7

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THE UNION of Jewish Women of Southern Africa has established at the Department of Parasitology of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School the Seul Adler Scholarship (for Schistosomiasis) and the Union of Jewish Women of Southern Africa Scholarship (for Amoebiasis). Each is $800 per annum and is to be awarded to post-graduate students for a maximum of three years.

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THE DEADLINE for submitting entries for the essay contest on "Citizen and Soldier in Relation to the Soldiers' Welfare Committee," sponsored by the Committee in memory of Joseph Heftman, the late president of the Journalists' Association, is May 15. The prizes of IL150 and IL100 will be distributed by the end of May.

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TO PREVENT unauthorized persons using the sign "Press" on their vehicles, a special sign, drawn by A. Schleyen and authorized by the traffic authorities, the police and the Journalists Association, is to be issued for use by members of the Press.

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AN HAMKASHER driver, Amnon Zamir, 24, charged with the manslaughter last week of Mordecai Saig, 10, was yesterday released on IL300 bail provided by Hamkasher.

ISRAEL POUND UP AT ZURICH

The value of the Israel Pound on the Zurich money market has recently increased to 2.02 Swiss francs according to listings in the Swiss press. It stood at 1.9 Swiss francs a few weeks ago. There are 4.3 Swiss francs to the dollar.

VON WEISEL INJURED

Dr. Wolfgang Von Weisel, the physician and author, was injured in a road accident in Jerusalem yesterday. Dr. Von Weisel, who sustained head injuries and a broken shoulder, was taken to Hadassah Hospital, where his condition was described as "not serious."

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR 'RAV TZAIR'

On the sixth anniversary of the death of the Hebrew philosopher and writer, Haim Tchernowitz (Rav Tzair), a commemorative meeting took place last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. Granott, in Jerusalem. Those present included many friends and former pupils of the late writer, among them, Justice Smoira, Mr. Zalman Shazar, M.K., Mr. Y. Klinov and Dr. A. Tiche.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Sugar: 3. Feb 12, temp. 4. Expectant mothers: 14, coupons 27 and 28. Poultry: 1,500 gms. for expectant mothers, coupons 9 and 10. Elderly persons: 500 gms. Mem Heh 13. Imported cheese: 200 gms. for expectant mothers, coupon 32.

Release of Oren Reported for Today

VIENNA, Sunday (INA). — There is a chance that Mr. Mordecai Oren, held in Czechoslovakia since his arrest at the end of 1951, will be released on Monday, according to information received here from Prague.

Mr. Oren went to Czechoslovakia from an East Berlin meeting of the World Federation of Trade Unions to investigate the anti-Semitic purge then in progress, which resulted a year later in the execution by hanging of Rudolf Slansky, and eight other leading Jewish Communists. In 1953, Mr. Oren was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment on charges of "espionage and treason."

If his release takes place as hoped for by his friends here, the official reason will be to mark the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Prague.

Citrus Export Above 7m. Crates

A total of 7,107,102 crates of citrus fruit were exported to 22 countries during the current season, according to figures released yesterday by the Citrus Marketing Board. Of this total, 4,632,551 were of shamuti oranges, 1,184,718 grapefruit, 238,513 lemons and 1,074,995 valencia oranges.

Slightly more than six million crates were shipped via Haifa Port while about a million crates were loaded at Jaffa Port. Great Britain led the list of recipient countries, taking a total of 2,984,296 crates.

Other countries purchasing Israel citrus were: Sweden, 520,901 crates; U.S.S.R., 485,879; Finland, 445,809; the Netherlands, 407,576; West Germany, 398,827; Norway, 378,083; Belgium, 300,880; Denmark, 284,-830; France, 240,880; Switzerland, 219,297; Poland 110,000; Yugoslavia, 94,814; Ireland, 86,-411; Rumania, 85,239; Austria, 39,850; Argentina, 42,116; Bulgaria 26,783; Iceland, 15,137; Canada, 15,047; Hungary, 11,775, and East Germany, 5,000.

Language Academy To Get Own Building

An IL120,000 building to house the Hebrew Language Academy is to be constructed on the new Hebrew University campus, adjacent to the National Library, Professor N. Tur-Sinai, President of the Academy, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. The building will bear the name of Mr. William Saltzman of New York, who has donated the funds for the project.

The Academy is now concerned with the determination of grammatical rules and terms and the issue of small paper-backed dictionaries. Thirteen professional committees work within this body.

Terms used for vehicles and their parts and musical terms will be included in two dictionaries to be issued soon. In the printing stage are two additional dictionaries — one for anatomical and the other for telephone and telegraphy terms.

The decisions of the Academy, which are binding on all public institutions, are published in *Reshumot*, with the approval of the Minister of Education and Culture.

While the required annual budget is IL300,000, the Academy's present income is only half that amount, Mr. E. Manor, its administrator, stated. Of the present budget, the Government's share is IL30,000; the Jewish Agency, through Mossad Bialik, IL12,000; the American Fund, IL8,000; the Jfem Municipality, IL1,000; Haifa, IL1,500. It is hoped that Tel Aviv will contribute IL8,000.

The new building is to house the administration, the scientific historical dictionary project, a research library and meeting and study rooms.

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Danish Anti-Nazi Hero Who Saved 7000 Jews on Visit to Israel

TEL AVIV, Sunday — Dr. Aseg Bertelsen, the well-known Danish writer, who, as a leader of the Danish underground during the Nazi regime smuggled most of the Jews of Denmark — about 7,000 souls — into free Sweden, is expected to arrive in Israel with his wife early tomorrow (Monday) morning as guest of the Israel Headquarters of the World Jewish Congress.

During the early days of 1943, Dr. Bertelsen organized a special Danish underground which assembled Danish Jews in the homes of Christian Danish citizens along the shores between Denmark and Sweden and transferred them to Sweden under cover of night.

This activity began when the then Danish Premier discovered that Danish Jews were to be sent to concentration camps on the first of October of that year. About 1,200 Jews found shelter in Dr. Bertelsen's home alone. The Nazis discovered the existence of the underground and tried to trap Dr. Bertelsen, but he also succeeded in escaping to Sweden.

Dr. Bertelsen, who was born in 1903, has published several studies of the Bible and the religion and history of Israel. Last year he was made honorary President of the Danish Jewish youth organizations.

Magic Carpet Project At Rosh Ha'ayin

A poem from the pen of Machdon ben Pinchas Haievi, a local resident, inscribed on parchment and framed in heavy silver filigree worked by a local silversmith, was presented to the Minister of Social Welfare by the Magic Carpet Workshop employees at Rosh Ha'Ayin last week. It was received by Mr. Barzelia, Director of Social Welfare, who officially opened the Workshop, in the absence through illness of the Minister.

The Magic Carpet Project comprises several workshops, producing embroidered slippers, scarves, blouses, embroidered raffia goods, jewellery, leather weaving, basketwares, as well as a souvenir shop and a Yemenite coffe-house. It has also opened a Yemenite ethnological and folklore museum.

Poria Hospital Near Completion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Sunday.—The Poria Hospital, near Yavneel, 10 kilometres from here, is now nearly completed and installation of equipment has begun. Another pavilion is to be added for the Girls Department, and the opening of the hospital, which took four years to build, is expected to take place at the end of the month.

Tankers have been acquired to supply water until the hospital's own water tower is built. The Schweitzer Hospital here is to be turned into staff quarters.

The Ilan Hospital has six bungalows with 120 beds and has an operating theatre, internal and children's departments.

University Students Day Tomorrow

A bespectacled donkey, carrying an armload of books, is gazing mildly down from hundreds of posters which have mushroomed throughout Jerusalem as Students Day draws near.

The annual frolic of Hebrew University students will be initiated tomorrow night when thousands of students, wearing the coloured berets of their faculties, gather at Edison Hall to witness an artistic programme and the distribution of prizes to outstanding students.

A three-and-one-half hour sports competition will be held on the Y.M.C.A. sports field on Tuesday morning by students and members of the faculty. Simultaneously, a symposium on the "Student and the State" will be held in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium with the participation of Professor E. Simon, of the University; Mr. S. Ishar, M.K.; Aluf Moshe Carmel, and students. The symposium will be followed by a "pantomime quiz," conducted by Mr. Shai Ophir, of the Chamber Theatre. "Lightning" chess competitions will be held during the afternoon.

Students Day will reach its climax at nightfall with a giant "rondo" through the main streets of Jerusalem from Terra Sancta to Binyanei Ha'ooma. Floats which had been used in Tel Aviv's Purim Adloyada, have already been received by the Students Association.

At Terra Sancta, the programme will include songs by Shoshana Damari, a Druse dance group and dancing "till the break of day."

A special Students Day cancellation stamp will be used on all letters posted at the main Jerusalem post office on Wednesday. A special postal branch will be open at Binyanei Ha'Ooma from 8 p.m. to midnight. Collectors are asked to present stamped envelopes to the Jerusalem Postmaster beforehand.

H. U. INAUGURATES CAMPUS TODAY

The first building of the new Hebrew University campus at Givat Ram, Jerusalem, will be officially opened at 11 o'clock this morning.

The building — Canada Hall — will serve the botany and physics faculties in the coming academic year. It was financed by Canadian Wizo.

Leaders in all walks of Israel life will participate in the ceremony.

A special two-page supplement on this historic day in the life of the University is published with *The Jerusalem Post* today.

Haifa Plans Animal Protection Society

HAIFA, Sunday. — A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is being founded here by a group of citizens, Mayor Abba Khoushy and the Municipal Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Dayan, have promised their patronage, and most Haifa veterinarians have also promised their support. The Society will raise funds for its work through public donations. It will also benefit from a sum of money that has remained in a local bank from a similar society active during the Mandate.

The Municipality has given the society an old shed near the animal slaughterhouse, which will be renovated and made into a shelter for stray dogs and cats. Those that can be rehabilitated will be trained as watchdogs, or pets, while the others will be painlessly destroyed. At a later stage an animal hospital for strays will be established there.

The Society hopes to institute an educational campaign among Haifa's schoolchildren and thus gradually instill understanding and kindness for "our dumb friends." It will also press for Municipal by-laws on cruelty prevention, especially against the practice of poisoning dogs in public. At the founding meeting here this Wednesday evening the problem of the increasing number of kittens, whom nobody wants, will be considered.

Better Business Bureau for Haifa

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — After nearly two years of preparations, the business community here has begun to take practical steps towards setting up a Better Business Bureau on the American model. The Bureau will aim at raising ethical standards in all walks of business life, and 22 organizations, public institutions and professional associations have promised it support.

The organization has opened an office at 26 Rehov Herzl, hired staff and a telephone (No. 67593) to receive and deal with requests and complaints, and to give information to the public. Members will be entitled to display on their premises an emblem testifying to their membership in the B.B.B.

On Friday, a delegation of the B.B.B., headed by Mr. A. Rosenfeld, presented a certificate of membership to Mayor Abba Khoushy, who long ago urged Haifa's businessmen to establish such an organization.

THREE LABOUR exchanges for Arab workers have recently been opened at Haifa, Lydda and Ramle.

Kidron Stresses Israel Ready to Talk Peace

CHICAGO, Sunday (UP). — Israel is prepared to negotiate peace at any time with the Arab states, Mr. Mordecai Kidron, of the Israel delegation to the U.N., told the Mid-West Labour Council conference of the United Jewish Appeal last night.

He said the Middle East would be secure and a force for peace only when the Israel-Arab differences are "settled by the same process of negotiation that is applied to all international problems."

ENGLAND, FRANCE TIE

BREST, France, Sunday (Reuter). — England and France drew 1-1 in the amateur soccer international match here today. Both goals were scored in the second half.

In Oslo, Hungary beat Norway 3-0 before a crowd of over 25,000.

Sharav Hits Acre Children

ACRE, Sunday. — While taking part in gymnastics in their playground, six pupils of the Government school here, aged 11 and 12, were struck by the heat this morning. All were given treatment by the school nurse who ordered the exercises to be stopped.

Three children of the Weizmann School here were also overcome by the heat. They were taken home after treatment.

The meteorological services promise relaxation of the sharav tomorrow evening.

HISTADRUT

(Continued from Page 1)

leave till 8.00 in the evening. It seemed that the Left parties had some difficulty in finding personnel for extra stations.

Altogether, about 12,000 people were employed at polling stations throughout the country.

Mapai charged Ahdut-Ha'avoda and Mapam with deliberately slowing down voting by the delaying tactics of their members on polling committes. In return, the two opposition parties accused Mapai of deliberately planning the additional stations, and claimed that many were set up without their representatives. According to the rules, a station is permitted to operate if representatives of two parties are present.

Voting in settlements finished early and in many it was possible to close the polling by 3 o'clock.

In Jerusalem voting proceeded quietly. At many polls, voters were received and processed before a sizeable queue could form, although at others, especially at peak voting hours, hour-long queues were the rule. Many persons refused to join these long queues, saying that they would return later.

The seven parties participating in the election mobilized about 3,500 party personnel, most of whom stood amiably with their "enemies" outside the polls, stuffing party bills in the hands of all voters. Hapoel, the Histadrut sports organization, provided more than 150 ushers to keep order at the various polls.

Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, who voted in Kiryat Shmuel, had the letter "P" (Progressive Party) thrust into his hand by a party member outside the poll. He returned the slip, noting that "it is too far away from Afer" (Mapai).

In Haifa, the heavy sharav lowered election fever and party whips had to work overtime to get people to the polling booths. But voting picked up later and by 10 p.m. an estimated 75 per cent poll had been cast.

Hundreds of taxis were pressed into service to help Histadrut members to the booths. Drivers took IL1 per hour for carrying party signs on their cars.

Even the sick were not forgotten, and at the Government, municipal and Kupat Holim hospitals, special arrangements were made to enable the patients to vote.

Haifa police reported only one incident, with one man being hit on the head with a stick and several arrested near the Communist club in Rehov Khoury.

From early results from settlements in the north it was clear that everywhere the official party line was closely reflected in the voting with only individual exceptions here and there. Single votes for the General Zionists and Progressives were cast in a few settlements.

Jordan Admits Illegal Cultivation in Israel

An investigation conducted by the Jordan delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission and the Arab Legion has confirmed that several hundred dunams of land inside Israel have been ploughed and cultivated illegally by Arab villagers, the Jordan daily "Palastin" reported yesterday.

It said that the villagers concerned have already signed written statements admitting this fact.

Israel has already begun to destroy the crops in order to avoid possible clashes and border incidents before harvest time. The Arab Legion has warned the Jordan farmers that attempts to harvest would only lead to trouble, and that responsibility for the consequences must rest with them; the report concluded.

GELBER 'NAHLA'

A 600 dunam nahla, bearing the name of Mr. Edward Gelber, President of the Zionist Organization of Canada, was dedicated yesterday at Pedayim, in the Negev.

The nahla is part of a 50,000 dunam area in the Western Negev (near Hunger Road) which is to be redeemed by funds provided by Canadian Zionists. Addressing the ceremony were Mr. Gelber, Dr. S. Levi of the Jewish National Fund Directorate, and Mrs. Sally Gottlieb, of Canadian WIZO.

Lag Baomer Crowds Throng Meron

Lag Baomer begins at sunset this evening when thousands of pilgrims, members of ancient and colourful communities, members of the Israel Defence Forces and tourists, will gather at Meron to witness the lighting of the traditional bonfire at the tomb of the second century Talmudic Sage and father of Jewish mysticism, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai.

But ceremonies ushering in the holiday began yesterday with the kindling of a lamp on Mt. Zion and the lighting from it of torches which were handed over by Dr. S. Z. Cahana, Director-General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, to organized groups of pilgrims at the Bilu Synagogue, Tel Aviv, before they set out for Meron, last night and this morning.

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim is participating in this year's ceremony at Meron where a special post office will be open during the holiday.

Huge pyres of faggots and various inflammable materials, crowned with effigies of Hitler or other arch enemies of the Jewish people, the work of industrious children, are a familiar sight all over the country.

However, Kupat Holim doctors have appealed to parents and teachers to prevent children engaging in another favourite Lag Baomer pastime — the shooting with catapults and bows and arrows. Serious accidents have resulted in the past from this practice.

Wouk Impressed By Kibbutz Equality

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The dream of 19th century Socialists of a machine which would distribute fairly wealth had been realized in the *kibbutz* way of life for the first time anywhere, Mr. Herman Wouk, author of "The Caine Mutiny," told an audience of more than 2,000 people in the Z.O.A. House garden here tonight.

As someone from materialistic America, where socialism was always regarded as producing a purely bureaucratic society, the *kibbutz* had always seemed to him as an arrangement which went against the very essence of human nature. But what he had seen of the reality of the *kibbutz* had deeply impressed him.

Mr. Wouk, who is on an official visit here as a member of an American-Israel Society delegation said that the fact that no other such organization in the U.S. boasted so large a list of eminent members including large numbers of non-Jews, was a clear indication of the "love" that existed for this country there.

He appealed to non-members to join the Israel-American Friendship League, which organized the meeting in cooperation with Z.O.A. House.

PRAYERS FOR OLD CITY

The fall of the Old City of Jerusalem will be commemorated tomorrow at a special ceremony on Mt. Zion at 2.30 p.m. and by memorial services in synagogues. The Chief Rabbinate has issued an Order of Prayer for the occasion.

Bilharzia Strikes Beisan Village

One hundred cases of bilharzia (a parasitic disease usually contracted by bathing in infested waters and resulting in the inflammation of the bladder and the bowels) were discovered in a Beisan settlement during the past few days.

The Ministry of Health spokesman, who declined to reveal the name of the settlement, stated that it is believed the illness was contracted by bathing in nearby ponds.

A general examination, conducted after the discovery that one child had been stricken with this disease, revealed that bilharzia had been contracted by 100 youths up to the age of 20.

The number of whooping cough cases in the country jumped from 1,125 in March to 1,167 in April, the spokesman revealed. The incidence of poliomyelitis rose from 19 (no deaths) in March to 30 (three deaths) in April. During April, 1954, the number of polio cases was 75.

The incidence of measles, scarlatina and diphtheria dropped during these two months while chicken pox incidence rose from 1,120 cases in March to 1,339 cases in April.

Fieldmice trapped this month in the vicinity of Tel Aviv by the Department of Health have been found to be freer of fleas which transmit typhus to human beings than in former years. This is attributed to recent DDT operations by the Department.

IPO Plays Before Swedish Royalty

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is reported to have registered another resounding success at its performance before the Swedish Royal family and 2,000 listeners at the Stockholm Concert Hall on Saturday night.

The previous day, the members of the Orchestra were received by the Mayor of Stockholm in the presence of Dr. A. Nissan, the Israel Minister to Sweden, and hundreds of leading figures in Swedish life.

The concert, conducted by Mr. Paul Klecki, was the Orchestra's final appearance in the Scandinavian countries and the end of the first stage of its European tour.

Tonight and tomorrow, the Orchestra is playing in Paris under the baton of Mr. Paul Paray.

STOCKHOLM, Sunday (UP).— The concert given by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra here last night was warmly applauded in today's morning newspapers.

"It was remarkable as a musical experience and interesting as a manifestation of international cooperation — the members of the orchestra come from so many different countries that it forms a "Baby U.N.," the "Dagens Nyheter" said.

"The music we listened to was of such a great beauty that it can be assumed that the President of Israel will get his hope realised: the orchestra is going to win the young state many friends," the paper added.

"The concert must be considered as a great event in our music life," the "Stockholms-Tidningen" wrote in its review. It also paid tribute to Mr. Paul Klecki for his "excellent conducting" in Brahms' 4th Symphony.

The "Morgon - Tidningen" termed the orchestra "one of the grandest of the world with a harmony and a discipline that only very few orchestras have."

$100,000 FOR K. H. FROM URUGUAY

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — "I have just received Uruguay Jewry's cheque for $100,000 on account of the 1955 UJA campaign from the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levy Eshkol," Mr. A. Ussishkin, Treasurer of the Keren Hayesod, said here today, shortly after the return of Mr. Eshkol from a visit to the Western Hemisphere. Mr. Eshkol himself refused to speak to the press.

IMPORT OF CLOTH

A new arrangement for import licences for cloth is to take effect next Sunday, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced yesterday.

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Perets Lootsteen

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Cables in Brief

FAWZI.—Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi of Egypt arrived in Manila yesterday from Tokyo for a two-day stay as the guest of the President, Ramon Magsaysay. The Minister made no statement.

SEVERANCE. — East Berlin postal authorities have cut a pneumatic post line to West Berlin. It is estimated that this will considerably slow up traffic and will cost West Berlin 60,000 marks (£5,000) to set up an alternative system.

RECALCITRANTS. — Athens Radio will start thrice-weekly broadcasts to Cyprus to augment those already operating three times a day, according to Greek newspapers here yesterday.

MARRIED.—Orson Welles, film star and director, was today married to 24-year-old Paola Mori, a slim and beautiful Italian actress with long dark hair, who was born at Tagiura, near Tripoli, Libya. The wedding took place quietly in London.

WARNS.—A top official of Britain's 8-million-strong Trades Union Congress, Mr. Tom O'Brien, has warned unofficial strikers that contemptuous disregard of the official leaders and agreements is bound sooner or later to invite repressive legislation.

FISHING.—The Soviet Embassy in Stockholm has confirmed that four Swedish fishing vessels were seized in Soviet waters on April 28. The crews are to appear at the port of Pionersk, north-west of Kaliningrad, on a charge of illegal fishing.

CENSUS. — The population of Libya as of June 1954, when the movements of nomads is at a minimum, was 1,091,830 persons, the Libyan Minister of National Economy revealed. The census was carried out under the supervision of a U.N. expert.

NEW JEWISH SCHOOL OPENS IN MOROCCO

PARIS, Sunday (INA). — The Alliance Israelite Universelle has announced that a new school has been opened in the hinterland of Morocco, about 100 kms. south of Marrakesh in Arghen du Goundasi.

The Jewish community of 300 persons lives in conditions of extreme poverty.

WIZO GROUPS ON WAY

The five British Wizo groups which have been on two-week and one-month tours of Israel began to leave for home over the weekend, the first going on Friday. Altogether a total of 250 arrived from England, Scotland and Ireland, in the largest collective group to visit this country from the British Isles. Their tour, which was described as successful, was organized by Daphna Tours.

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IKE HAS FREE HAND TO DO AS HE WISHES

By JESSE EEL LURIE

NEW YORK.—

HARRY S. Truman, Missouri's most famous citizen, came East last month for a speech in New York once again attacking the "one-party Press," and a committee appearance in Washington defending the UN's ten-year record.

Editors and publishers, who later held their annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria here, were quick to denounce Truman's allegations that the nation's Press had "covered up" the mistakes of the Eisenhower Administration. We too, believe that Mr. Truman misstated the case. As James Reston, Bureau Chief of "The New York Times," pointed out in his paper, the primary fault lies with the Democratic Congressional leaders who have failed dismally in pointing out Republican errors to the country.

There are reasons to believe that the leaders of the Democratic majority in Congress are happier under Eisenhower than they were during the many years of the Democratic Administrations, and they are not anxious for a change. Political surveys indicate that the Democratic majority will continue and will probably be strengthened by the 1956 election, even though the Republicans may win the presidency if they can induce Eisenhower to run for a second term.

Were it not for the younger members of the Democratic Party, and in particular the state governors who feel the loss of Federal patronage in their local party machinery, the Democrats would hardly oppose Eisenhower at all. On most crucial votes in Congress, there are usually as many Democrats as Republicans voting for the Administration programme—sometimes more.

As for the nation's publishers, while they may not bear the primary responsibility for the unprecedented phenomenon in American politics, in which the head of the government is always held blameless for some of the strange actions of his subordinates, it is certainly true that the editorial writers have changed their critical yardsticks since Eisenhower's election.

Back in the Truman-Acheson days, "The Mess in Washington" used to be virtually a standing headline in the nation's papers, the overwhelming majority of which are Republican. The type was distributed as soon as Eisenhower was inaugurated. "In Ike we trust" is now the motto of the publishing fraternity, and the great white father can do no wrong. When the President reversed himself on the most important question of the day, negotiations with China, at a recent press conference the editorial writers ignored the reversal as if it were the normal course of events.

There are still a few reporters such as Mr. Reston who are able to express in print their wondering admiration of the President's behaviour. Mr. Reston asks in his report to his paper this morning:

> Who but President Eisenhower... could do these things and get away with them?:
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> Announce that he was carrying on private correspondence with Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, the Soviet Defence Minister, on improving United States-Russian relations and refuse to disclose anything more about it;
>
> Approve a State Department statement of last Saturday saying the United States would 'insist' on Nationalist China's being in on 'any' conversations about the Formosa area, and announce that he was now talking to the Chinese Communists about a cease-fire in Formosa itself without the participation of the Chinese Nationalists;
>
> Contest at the opening of the press conference that this was no 'reversal' of the Administration's programme and later concede that maybe there was an error of terminology;
>
> Proclaim that the United States would not confer alone with the Communists 'about the affairs of the Chinese Nationalists,' but assert that 'it is perfectly legitimate for us to talk to the Chinese (Chinese Communists) about stopping firing'—

All this he did in less time than it takes to write, and by the time the inevitable reaction came from Senator Knowland, the head of the China Lobby, the President was blithely on his way to the golf course.

Another exchange with the reporters was believed significant. The President mentioned that he had exactly 21 months left to his term and at his age "twenty-one months is still a long time."

The fact that he knew the number of months fascinated the reporters, who are constantly fencing with him about whether he will run again. One of them commented: "He's like a guy in jail, tearing off the leaves of the calendar and counting the months to his liberation."

BACK TO WORK

THE die affecting the future composition of the Histadrut has now been cast and by tomorrow we should know what the result has been, since the count up to early this morning gave but scant indication how the voting went.

The country, or at least half of it, has had its preliminary election canter in which the pace rose to fever heat; issues involving the control of the Histadrut, and in turn its relation to the State, were far too often obscured in a barrage of sound. Behind the very proper attempt to put views to the public as cogently and forcefully as possible there was far too much passion aroused to be healthy for the body politic to absorb all at once. Had this been the last of the elections this year or even this summer, no more need have been said. But the Histadrut elections are only the beginning of a political open season which is going to take us right through the dog days into the weeks of heat and khamsin.

This is not an amiable prospect for the nation. Since early spring the country has indulged in one festival after another. The rejoicings or interference with normal routine (depending on how one's temperament regards them) began with the Adlovada at Purim, continued with the statutory feast of Passover, were closely succeeded by the Independence Day celebrations, crowding close on to an unprecedentedly magnificent nationwide May Day display and observance. Now followed the Histadrut elections which affected half a million of the nation's adults.

Although there can be no cavil at the importance of each of the festive days taken separately, they all seem to add up to an unwarranted disturbance of the serious mood for work. Had there been a complete return to mundane things, the life of the country would not be likely to suffer unduly, but apparently the mood now seems to be, not to relax the tension but to go on with increasing pressure from the climax of the Histadrut elections to the general Knesset elections at the end of July. The time has come to take stock. There seems to be no necessity in a democracy which has shown the maturity that this country has, to indulge in a long and protracted election campaign. Britain confines its election to something like a month; the date is usually sprung quite suddenly upon the Parties, not planned and publicized almost a year in advance. There is a rigorous limit on the amount of money that may be expended on propaganda and other means of persuasion. Nevertheless issues seem to be well ventilated and the public is given a clear picture of what they are voting for.

Perhaps the very contraction of the effort involved makes for greater clarity in the same way as the diffuseness to which we are prone makes for deeper obscurity. Nor can it be argued that an election gains in importance by being unduly protracted, debated and advertised. The contrary effect might well be brought about. People become so accustomed to the visual impact of mysterious letters of the alphabet blotting out every other image from the public eye that they soon accept it as part of the scenery, an inevitable nuisance which has nothing to do with them. Moreover, a prolonged election allows for too much time to chew over every nicety of ideology and inflate legitimate differences to abnormal proportions so that all parties are more or less equally tarred.

In a short and economically run election speakers, ideologists and campaign managers have to be clear, concise and to the point. Israel could only gain by such a process. If the time between now and, say the end of June, were to be spent on an agreed drive for certain national and common desiderata such as production campaigns and the like, the voter might be elevated morally and spiritually into a mood of enlightenment and calm which would make an intelligent decision in the Knesset elections that much more certain.

"Sunday Times" Interview With Israel's Defence Minister

Ben-Gurion: Zionism Incarnate

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By J. B. SLADE-BAKER

TO most David Ben-Gurion is to come face to face with the incarnation of Zionism itself. Stubborn, inflexible and of dynamic energy, he is the driving force behind Israel's refusal to accept any formula for a settlement with the Arab States that concedes more than the irreducible minimum.

To him, beyond a few minor modifications, the existing frontiers of Israel are inviolable and, to this 20th-century Maccabaeus, who has done more to build modern Israel than any Jew alive, the responsibility for the Arab refugees has been and remains that of the Arab States themselves. Upon these two questions he accepts neither discussion nor compromise.

When not engaged with his duties as Minister of Defence "B.-G." as he is known throughout Israel, lives in the *kibbutz* of Sde Boker in the Negev desert, 40 miles south of Beersheba. The settlement is guarded by 120 armed men and women and surrounded by a strong defence system of barbed wire entanglements, lit at night by high-powered electric lights and a small searchlight. It was here, in a two-hour private talk, that he expressed to me his views on the problems which divide Israel from the Arab States, upon a solution to which the peace of the Middle East depends.

Answering my question as to the possibility of a general settlement he said that recently, when Sir Anthony Eden was still Foreign Secretary, he had stated in the House of Commons that a satisfactory settlement depended upon a simultaneous solution to three problems: the future of the refugees, the rectification of frontiers and the division of the waters of the Jordan.

"I do not know what he meant," the Minister went on, "but if he meant that our frontiers must be moved to the west, or that he wants the Negev to be taken away from us, or Galilee, or any part of Israel, then he must do it by force." (A phrase which the Minister repeated twice during our subsequent conversation.) "He will have to send British troops to do it and we will fight them, knowing that we will be defeated. Or perhaps he will send Arab troops. Why not? In any case there will be no peace on *that* basis."

Then, walking over to a wall-map of Israel, he tapped it and continued: "There is one other thing. There may be some mutual rectification of frontiers — something small," and closing his fingers round the Latrun pocket, added, "This is an example of what I mean. If Jordan will agree to giving this up we will compensate her elsewhere."

"And the refugees?" I asked.

"We consider that the Arab States should be responsible for settling the refugees just as we have made ourselves responsible for Jewish refugees from Europe and the Arab States," he replied. Even before May 1948, he said, when the war actually broke out, the Arab Higher Executive were making every effort to induce the Palestinian Arabs to leave their homes, promising them that within a few weeks Israel would be swept into the sea and that they could then return in safety.

"We did our best to persuade them to stay," Mr. Ben-Gurion continued, "but they preferred to go," and added that while much was heard of compensation being paid to the Arab refugees no one had suggested that anything should be done for the scores of thousands of Jews driven out of Iraq and the Yemen who had lost everything they possessed.

The most important event in the Middle East in recent months is the conclusion of the Turco-Iraqi Pact, with its disruptive effect on the Arab League, its deliberate exclusion of Israel from all possibility of becoming a signatory to it, and, most damaging of all from her point of view, the Turkish Prime Minister's promise to co-operate with Iraq in implementing the United Nations' resolutions concerning Palestine. On this subject the Minister spoke with warmth and indignation.

"I consider it a great mistake," he said, "that England has joined a pact that discriminates against one of the very few States of the Middle East which is willing and capable of defending democracy and excludes her from defending the area in which she exists. We wanted and want to be friends with England, with whom we have a community of interests, values and ideas. It is strange that she should have done this and that it should have been done by Sir Anthony Eden. I doubt if it is a wise move — quite apart from its unfairness."

In the past four years energy, patience, skill, determination and above all, water have altered the landscape north of Beersheba out of all recognition. Where, a few years ago, nothing grew but cactus and stunted bushes of camel thorn, today the green and gold of vast fields of pasture and of fast-ripening wheat and barley stretch as far as the eye can see to the hills of Judea and the Mediterranean.

As I rose to take my leave the Minister disclosed that he still cherishes one last ambition, the final conquest of the still unreclaimed desert that rolls away south of the city to the Gulf of Aquaba.

Leading me once more to the wall-map by the door, he placed his finger on the Negev, south of Beersheba. "This," he said, "is our greatest enemy, our greatest challenge. Here, for some reason," — and he smiled gently — "the Lord did not finish His work. If we can solve the problem here, and I believe that we can, it will be our greatest contribution to the world, and it is a more important problem than any treaty or pact. Come back in ten years' time. I hope and believe that by then we shall have changed the face of the desert."

As I listened I remembered the great 66-inch pipes which I had seen being manufactured near Ashkalon, through which it is intended to bring water from the Yarkon River at Tel Aviv to the heart of the Negev and the giant 106-inch irrigation system which it is hoped to lay from Lake Tiberias to Tel Aviv, and I felt with the profound impression that if faith, demonic energy and determination can guarantee success, the desert will indeed blossom like the rose, or it will not be the fault of David Ben-Gurion.

There is anxiety in Israel today — even great anxiety — not of the present but of the not-far-distant future. Immigration has dwindled to a trickle; the first raptures of returning to the Promised Land are beginning to fade; life is hard for many, and the man-in-the-street is at last beginning to realise the extent of his isolation as he stands with his back to the Mediterranean and faces the patient hatred of 40 million Arabs.

For the moment he is confident, but he is beginning to ask himself what is to happen in three or five years' time when the Arab armies have increased their armaments and improved their training.

Yesterday's Press

Polls in the Limelight

THE Histadrut elections overshadowed every other issue in the editorial columns of Sunday's Hebrew press.

"Davar" (Histadrut) recalls that 5,000 voters participated in the first elections to the Histadrut — now there are 500,000. The paper calls for maximum participation and says that though the democratic system of elections is cumbersome it should be appreciated by all. "Omer" (Histadrut) also calls for maximum attendance and for maximum responsibility in voting.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party), which has no direct interest in the elections, criticises the development of the Histadrut as an active factor in the Israel economy and says that even equal opportunity for the private and collective sector would in fact be tantamount to discriminating against the private sector. The paper is particularly critical of Ahdut Ha'avoda and says that a vote for this Party, no less than for the Communists and Mapam, is a vote against national solidarity and unity, a vote for more internal tension. The Mapai coalition with the General Zionists, far from being a "shameful act," reflects understanding of the supreme national interest.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) writes that a vote for Haoved Hazioni may bring about a change in Histadrut affairs. Though it is a minority group it has been able to introduce many reforms, such as the general labour exchange. The editor of "Ma'ariv" complains that throughout the campaign none of the parties bothered to discuss the actual issues.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) returns to the old polemic between the General Zionist Minister of Health and the Histadrut about the future of state health services and the Histadrut Sick Fund. The paper maintains that the voters will not be influenced by slogans and defends its party against the charge of being "anti-Histadrut."

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) accuses Ahdut Ha'avoda of wanting more votes only in order to have greater bargaining power for its negotiations with Mapai after the elections. "Herut" feels that the Israel citizen opposes Histadrut hegemony in the state.

NATURE NOTES

'Tis the Wise Thrush'

THE blackbirds and thrushes were preparing to leave. All winter, they had been spearing worms and snails in the moist underbrush, in shady gardens — wherever the soil was mouldy and soft. Now, it had grown very dry, sooner than in other years, and though there were snails on mummified cows' parsley and mullein, on fences and posts — these open, sunny places were not what thrushes love. They became restless, and one evening, they gathered on carob trees and on wires. They were going North to the "wet wild woods" — and the merlin, the beautiful robber falcon, had just come South to spend the winter, aristocrat that he is. He swooped, and his dagger-sharp talons grasped a thrush.

It piped shrilly in anguish, for the vice-like claw had at one stroke broken left hip-bone and wing. Blindly fluttering the good wing and striking out with its sharp beak, the thrush startled the merlin so that it dropped its prey, right on a heap of dead leaves. There it lay inert all night and part of the next day, when the *sharav* blew. The thrush tried to crawl into the shade of some nearby shrubs, but lay panting in the dust, unable to move any farther. There, a kind woman found it towards midday.

She came to me with the apparently dying bird in her hand, not knowing how she could help it. Could I say no? In spite of my regarding the case as hopeless, the bird got a bed in the bird-hospital which I open each spring — willy-nilly. The rest of the story must be left for next time, but I shall not meanly tie my readers on the rack of suspense: It ends well! P.J.

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At the Cinema

"RHAPSODY" (Eden, J'lem) tells in Technicolor how a poor little rich girl (Elizabeth Taylor) spoiled by her father (Louis Calhern) entertains celebrities on his Riviera estate and has love affairs with two young musicians (Vittorio Gassman and John Ericson). This provides the background for good performances of excerpts from Tchaikovsky's violin concerto and Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto. The young characters are convincing, but it is such actors of the older generation as Mikhail Chekhov and Carl Hagemann that turn in the best performances.

Fernandel in the U.S.

VERNEUIL's "L'ennemi Public No. 1" (Or-Gil, J'lem), a French-Italian co-production, is the first picture made by Fernandel in the U.S., where he is taken to be the boss of a gangster syndicate. No one, including the thugs, really knows whether such a boss really exists, but the prestige of the police is at stake and Fernandel, disarming manner and all, has to act as Public Enemy No. 1. There are escapes, captures, fresh breaks on a conveyor belt. In the end no one knows who's who, except that Fernandel is the hero of the day... He turns in a masterpiece of human comedy, co-starring Zsa Zsa Gabor and a brilliant cast of tough guys. The gambling club scenes are side-splitting.

FRANGO

Theatre Notes

THE Jerusalem appearance of the Swiss "Kleinkunst Buehne" which packed the Y.M.C.A. with a distinguished audience on Thursday evening, brought back memories of Max Reinhardt's literary cabarets and Erika Mann's anti-Fascist "Pepper Mill."

The two young quick-change artists, Voli Geiler and Walter Morath, excelled in sketches, pantomime, and song in four languages. What made them so outstanding was the accuracy of their fire, the freshness of their humour, and, above all, the excellent contact which they established with their Israel audience although the show was truly Continental. The costumes were unusual, Trudi Schoop's choreography was creative, Charly Wimmer of Vienna's Josephstadt Theatre was excellent at the piano, and C.F. Vaucher was a first-rate *conferencier*. It was like bathing in champagne.

ALFRED Polgar, eminent Viennese critic and essayist, died in Zurich last month at the age of 80. He was active until the end of his days, last year taking over the position of dramatic adviser at the Vienna Josephstadt Theatre, once Max Reinhardt's home. The son of a musician, he was a master of the short essay, and his feuilletons were full of grace and spirit. The Nazis banned his books, and he spent World War II in the U.S.

Polgar's inimitable theatrical criticism has been collected in four volumes under the title "Yes and No." He also wrote several farces and sketches for the theatre in cooperation with Egon Friedell.

FRANGO

KEEPING POSTED

A CORRESPONDENT writes that he has been enjoying the approach of elections enormously. Never has he felt so important before. Instead of unpaid bills and tax reminders, his letter box is full of communications that start "Dear Citizen," and quite often even address him by name, and all of them suggest that he is a fine judge of the political and economic situation and will certainly choose the

right party. There are invitations to party meetings, performances and parades. People who would scarcely look at him before have suddenly taken to saying *shalom* quite effusively, and bus drivers have become politer. The only thing he notes, that has suffered is this year's great improved language campaign, for we are back to notices in seven languages plastered on all the walls.

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THERE were plenty of reunions during the past weeks when the 350 Wizo workers from Britain toured Israel. It seems that an 80-year-old lady from Tel Aviv went to the Queen Elizabeth Forest ceremony last Tuesday and after she had climbed up the hill to see the planting ceremony found that she wasn't feeling too well. There was a high wind and the road had been muddy, and she came to sit in the ambulance for a while before going down to where the buses were waiting. She was offered a comfortable ride back to Haifa, instead of going in the bus, and sat back on the couch to relax. A few minutes later a woman came up and asked whether the ambulance would give her mother, a visitor from England, a ride down as far as the cars. She's 80, you know, she added apologetically. A tall and upright lady with white hair climbed in, and observed that if it wasn't for her legs she'd still feel 25. Suddenly the first patient said "Aren't you...." The second passenger turned her head, and "Oh, Mrs. Diamond!" and they fell round each other's necks. It transpired that they had last seen each other in Leeds 58 years ago, when Mrs. Diamond had just been married, and her friend was engaged.

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A YOUNG man we know says he was walking through Zion Square when he noticed someone studying him with apparent satisfaction. The man nodded his head, and a moment later a beaming policeman put a hand on his arm and asked him whether he would mind coming along to the police station for a few minutes. Our friend hastily tried to remember what crime he might have committed, and asked sulkily, why? "We need eight men for an identification parade. You are the eighth. And you're a nice match for the suspect, too." Our friend protested he had a date in half an hour, but they said he'd be back in ten minutes. In a small hut behind police headquarters an inspector lined up the eight men against a wall. They decided they didn't any of them really look alike, and all felt unaccountably as though they were due to be shot. The accused was brought in, protested that the others did not look in the least like him. The Clerk noted the remark in long hand, and also the place where the suspect chose to stand. The first witness was brought in, the Clerk still busily writing. It was almost one o'clock. Only a few minutes now, the Inspector said. He was asked to identify the accused, and walked up to him and put a hand on his shoulder. The accused was invited to question him, and the Clerk got busy again. After the first 20 questions or so, the Inspector said that the place for a full cross-examination was in court. The accused disagreed, but half an hour later said he had finished. A Police photographer was brought in to take everyone's picture, and one of the men covered his face with his hands and protested he

didn't want his picture kept on record by the Police. The Inspector promised him it would not be filed, but the man looked unhappy. At the first two attempts the flash bulb did not work. In the end he went away to get another. When the picture was finished everyone took a step forward to go, but the Inspector had a long lecture on duties of the citizen, and wound up by saying there was another witness still. Our friend was almost two hours late for his date. "Where were you?" the girl asked. "I was just going to call the Police."

"You should have," he answered.

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